

## Resistance and Capacitance Meter Using a PIC16C622

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### INTRODUCTION

The PIC16C62X devices create a new branch in Microchip's PIC16CXX 8-bit microcontroller family by incorporating two analog comparators and a variable voltage reference on-chip. The comparators feature programmable input multiplexing from device inputs and an internal voltage reference. The internal voltage reference has two ranges, each capable of 16 distinct voltage levels. Typical applications such as appliance controllers or low-power remote sensors can now be implemented using fewer external components thus reducing cost and power consumption. The 18-pin SOIC or 20-pin SSOP packages are ideal for designs having size constraints.

The PIC16C62X family includes some familiar PIC16CXX features such as:

- 8-bit timer/counter with 8-bit prescaler
- PORTB interrupt on change
- 13 I/O pins
- Program and Data Memory

Device	Program Memory	Data Memory
PIC16C620	512 x 14	80 x 8
PIC16C621	1K x 14	80 x 8
PIC16C622	2K x 14	128 x 8

This family of devices also introduce on-chip brown-out detect circuitry and a filter on the reset input ( $\overline{MCLR}$ ) to the PIC16CXX mid-range microcontrollers. Brown-out Detect holds the device in reset while  $V_{DD}$  is below the Brown-out Detect voltage of  $4.0V, \pm 0.2V$ . The reset filter is used to filter out glitches on the  $\overline{MCLR}$  pin.

This application note will describe:

- Comparator module
  - operation
  - initialization
  - outputs
- Voltage Reference module
  - operation
  - initialization
  - outputs
- Linear slope integrating Analog to Digital conversion techniques
  - advantages
  - disadvantages
- Overview of the application circuit
- Detailed description of the measurement techniques used in the application circuit

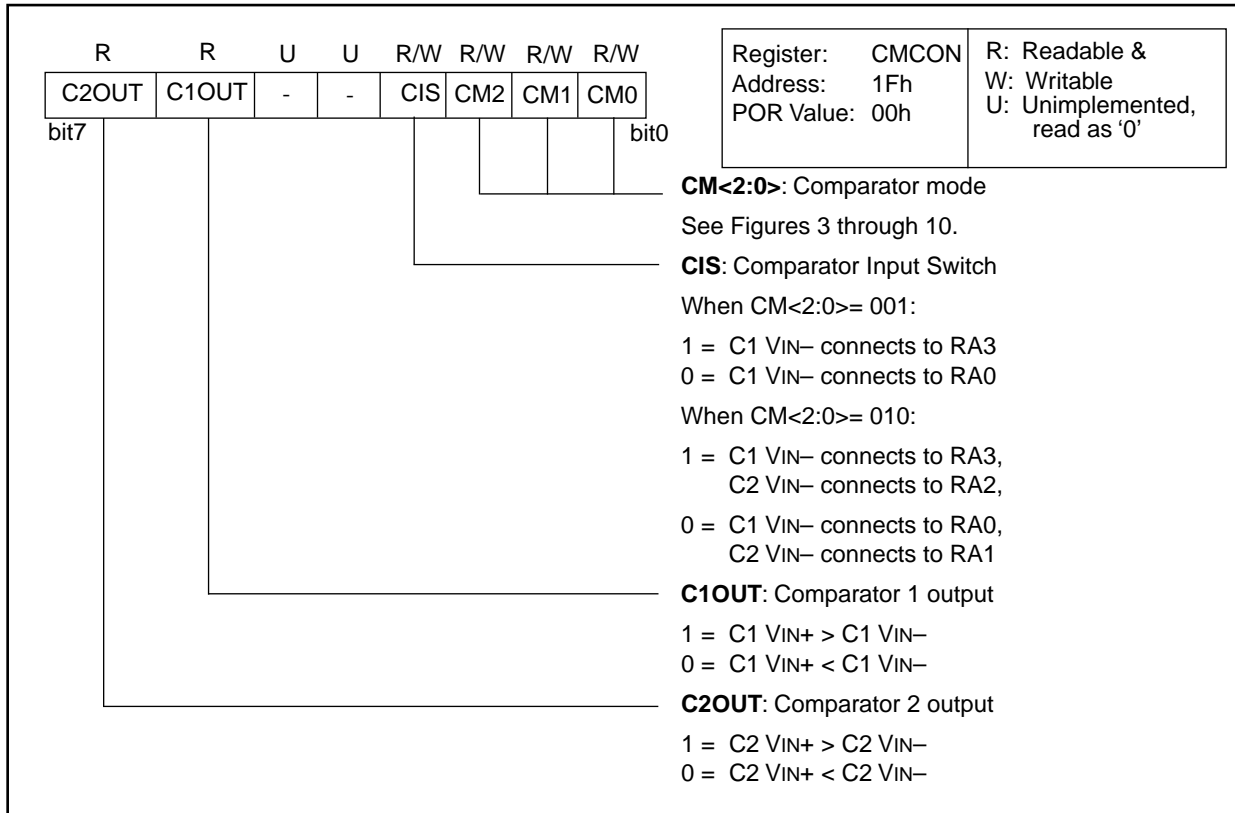
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## COMPARATOR MODULE

The comparator module contains two analog comparators with eight modes of operation. The inputs to the comparators are multiplexed with the RA0 through RA3 pins. The on-chip voltage reference can

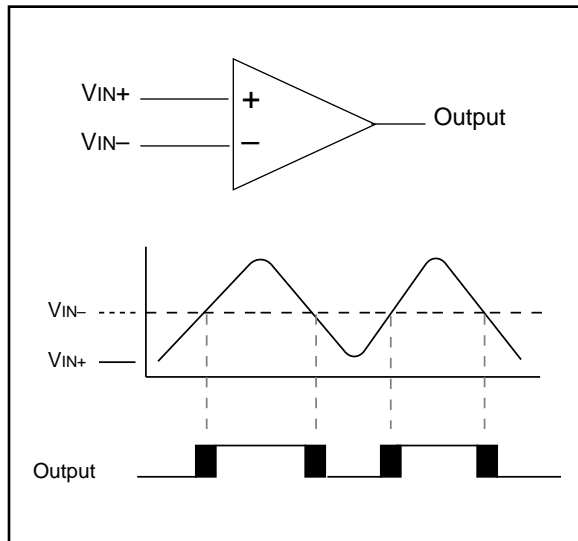
also be selected as an input to the comparators. The Comparator Control Register (CMCON) controls the operation of the comparator and contains the comparator output bits. Figure 1 shows the CMCON register.

**FIGURE 1: CMCON REGISTER**



A single comparator is shown in Figure 2. The relationship between the inputs and the output is also shown. When the voltage at VIN+ is less than the voltage at VIN-, the output of the comparator is at a digital low level. When the voltage at VIN+ is greater than the voltage at VIN-, the output of the comparator is at a digital high level. The shaded areas of the comparator output waveform represent the uncertainty due to input offsets and response time.

**FIGURE 2: SINGLE COMPARATOR**

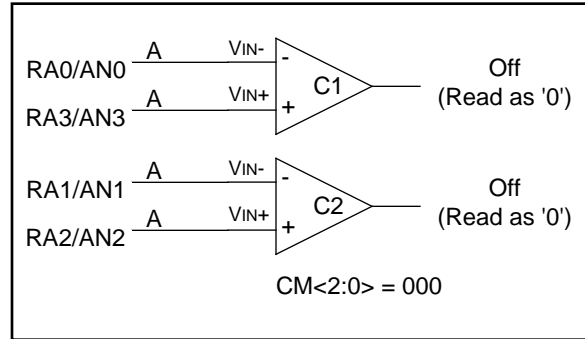


The TRISA register controls the I/O direction of the PORTA pins regardless of the comparator mode. If the comparator mode configures a pin as an analog input and the TRISA register configures that pin as an output, the contents of the PORTA data latch are placed on the pin. The value at the pin, which can be a digital high or low voltage, then becomes the input signal to the comparators. This technique is useful to check the functionality of the application circuit and the comparator module.

### Comparator Operating Modes

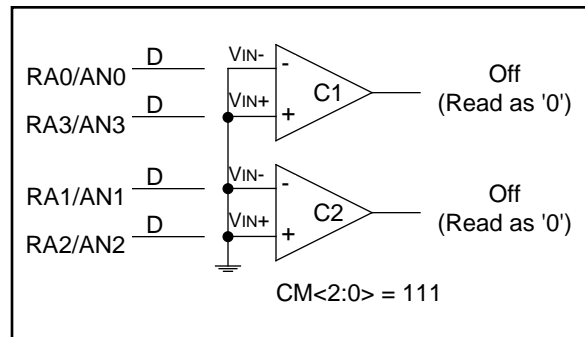
The analog inputs to the comparator module must be between VSS and VDD and one input must be in the Common Mode Range (CMR). The CMR is defined as VDD-1.5 volt to VSS. The output of a comparator will default to a high level if both inputs are outside of the CMR. If the input voltage deviates above VDD or below VSS by more than 0.6 volt, the microcontroller may draw excessive current. A maximum source impedance to the comparators of 10 kΩ is recommended. Figure 3 through Figure 10 show the eight modes of operation.

**FIGURE 3: COMPARATORS RESET**



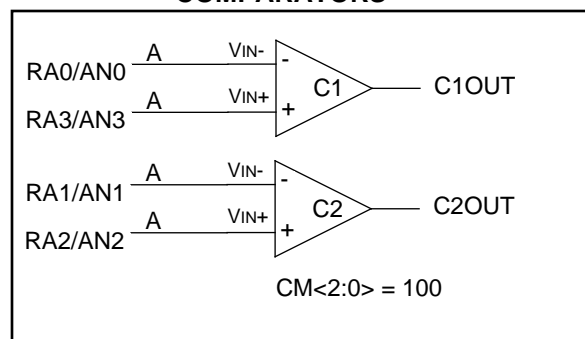
The Comparators Reset Mode (Figure 3) is considered the lowest power mode because the comparators are turned off and RA0 through RA3 are analog inputs. The comparator module defaults to this mode on Power-on Reset.

**FIGURE 4: COMPARATORS OFF**



The Comparators Off Mode (Figure 4) is the same as the Comparators Reset Mode except that RA0 through RA3 are digital I/O. This mode may consume more current if RA0 through RA3 are configured as inputs and the pins are left floating.

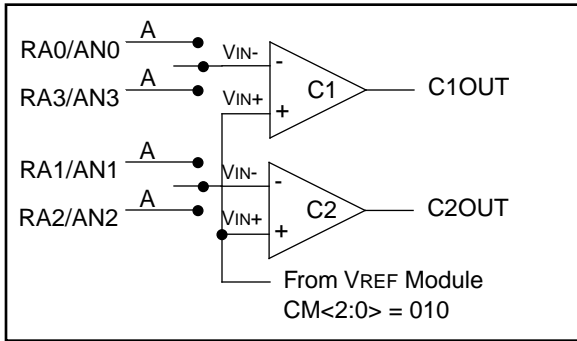
**FIGURE 5: TWO INDEPENDENT COMPARATORS**



The Two Independent Comparators Mode (Figure 5) enables both comparators to operate independently.

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**FIGURE 6: FOUR INPUTS MULTIPLEXED TO TWO COMPARATORS**

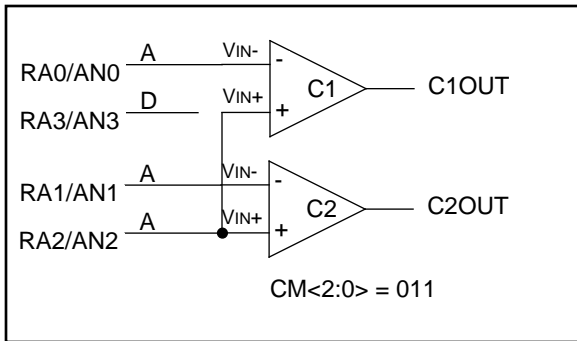


The Four Inputs Multiplexed to Two Comparators Mode (Figure 6) allows two inputs into the VIN- pin of each comparator. The internal voltage reference is connected to the VIN+ pin input of each comparator. The CIS bit, CMCON<3>, controls the input multiplexing to the VIN- pin of each comparator. Table 1 shows this relationship.

**TABLE 1: COMPARATOR INPUT MULTIPLEXING**

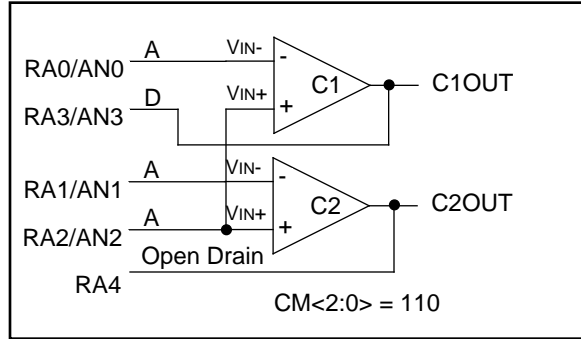
CIS	C1 VIN-	C2 VIN-
0	RA0	RA1
1	RA3	RA2

**FIGURE 7: TWO COMMON REFERENCE COMPARATORS**



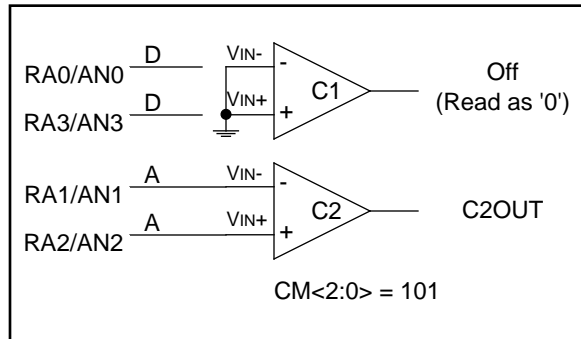
The Two Common Reference Comparators Mode (Figure 7) configures the comparators such that the signal present on RA2 is connected to the VIN+ pin of each comparator. RA3 is configured as a digital I/O pin.

**FIGURE 8: TWO COMMON REFERENCE COMPARATORS WITH OUTPUTS**



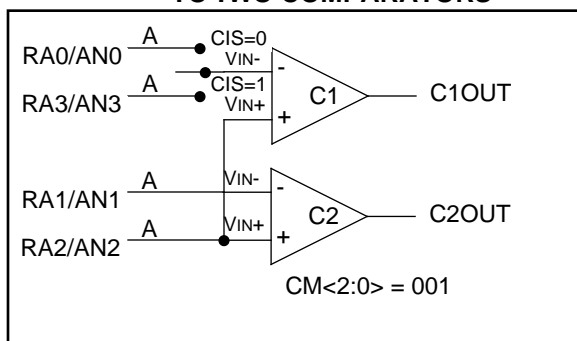
The Two Common Reference Comparators with Outputs Mode (Figure 8) connects the outputs of the comparators to an I/O pin. These outputs are digital outputs only with RA3 defined as a CMOS output and RA4 defined as an open drain output. RA4 requires a pull-up resistor to function properly. The value of resistance used for the pull-up will affect the response time of comparator C2. The signal present on RA2 is connected to the VIN+ pin of both comparators.

**FIGURE 9: ONE INDEPENDENT COMPARATOR**



The One Independent Comparator Mode (Figure 9) turns comparator C1 off making both RA0 and RA3 digital I/O. Comparator C2 is operational with analog inputs from RA1 and RA2.

**FIGURE 10: THREE INPUTS MULTIPLEXED TO TWO COMPARATORS**



The Three Inputs Multiplexed to Two Comparators Mode (Figure 10) connects the VIN+ pin of each comparator to RA2. The VIN- pin of comparator 2 is connected to RA1. The CIS bit, CMCON<3>, controls the input to the VIN- pin of comparator 1. If CIS = 0, then RA0 is connected to the VIN- pin. Otherwise RA3 is connected to the VIN- pin of comparator 1.

**Note:** Each comparator that is active will consume less power when the output is at a high level.

### Clearing the Comparator Interrupt Flag

The comparator interrupt flag, CMIF, is located in the PIR1 register. This flag must be cleared after changing comparator modes. Whenever the comparator mode or the CIS bit is changed, the CMIF may be set due to the internal circuitry switching between modes. Therefore, comparator interrupts should be disabled before changing modes. Then, a delay of 10  $\mu$ s should be used after changing modes to allow the comparator circuitry to stabilize.

The steps to clear the CMIF flag when changing modes are as follows:

- Change the comparator mode or CIS bit
- 10  $\mu$ s delay
- Read the CMCON register to end the “mismatch” condition
- Clear the CMIF bit of the PIR1 register

The value of C1OUT and C2OUT are internally latched on every read of the CMCON register. The current values of C1OUT and C2OUT are compared with the latched values, and when these values are different a “mismatch” condition occurs. The CMIF interrupt flag will not be cleared if the CMCON register has not been read.

### Using the Comparator Module

The CMCON register contains the comparator output bits C1OUT and C2OUT, CMCON<7:6>. These bits are read only. C1OUT and C2OUT follow the output of the comparators and are not synchronized to any internal clock edges. Therefore, the firmware will need to maintain the status of these output bits to determine the actual change that has occurred. The PIR1 register contains the comparator interrupt flag CMIF, PIR1<6>. The CMIF bit is set whenever there is a change in the output value of either comparator relative to the last time the CMCON register was read.

**Note:** If a change in C1OUT or C2OUT should occur when a read operation on the CMCON register is being executed (start of the Q2 pcycle), the CMIF interrupt flag may not be set.

When reading the PORTA register, all pins configured as analog inputs will read as a '0'. Analog levels on any pin that is defined as a digital input may cause the input buffer to consume more current than is specified.

The code in Example 1 shows the steps required to configure the comparator module. RA3 and RA4 are configured as digital outputs. RA0 and RA1 are configured as the VIN- inputs to the comparators and RA2 is the VIN+ input to both comparators.

### EXAMPLE 1: INITIALIZING THE COMPARATOR MODULE

```

CLRF   PORTA           ;init PORTA
MOVLW  0X03           ;Two Common
MOVWF  CMCON          ;Reference
                          ;Comparators
                          ;mode selected
BSF    STATUS,RP0     ;go to Bank 1
MOVLW  0X07           ;Set RA<2:0> as
MOVWF  TRISA          ;inputs,RA<4:3>
                          ;as outputs
BCF    STATUS,RP0     ;go to Bank 0
CALL   DELAY10        ;10 $\mu$ s delay
MOVF   CMCON,F        ;read the CMCON
BCF    PIR1,CMIF      ;clear the CMIF
BSF    STATUS,RP0     ;go to Bank 1
BSF    PIE1,CMIE      ;enable compar-
                          ;ator interrupt
BCF    STATUS,RP0     ;go to Bank 0
BSF    INTCON,PEIE    ;enable global
BSF    INTCON,GIE     ;and peripheral
                          ;interrupts

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The comparators will remain active if the device is placed in sleep mode, except for the Comparators Off Mode (CM<2:0>=111) and Comparators Reset Mode (CM<2:0>=000). In these modes the comparators are turned off and are in a low power state. A comparator interrupt, if enabled, will wake-up the device from sleep in all modes except **Off** and **Reset**.

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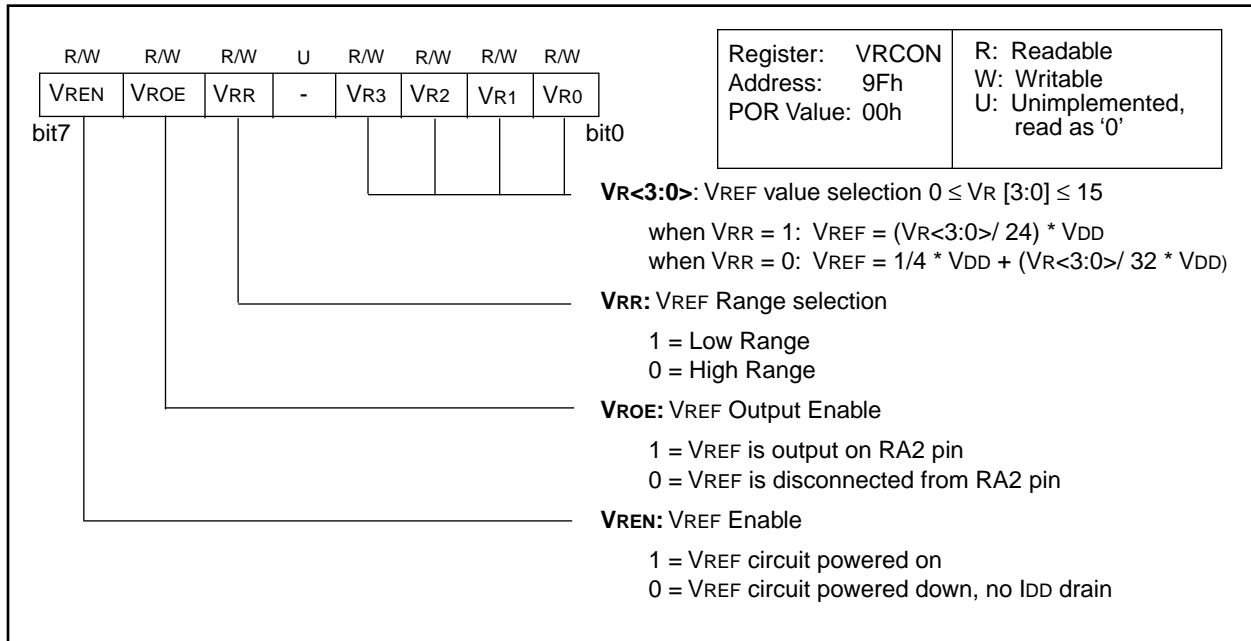
## Comparator Timings

The comparator module has a response time and a mode change to output valid timing associated with it. The response time is defined as the time from when an input to the comparator changes until the output of that comparator becomes valid. The response time is faster when the output of the comparator transitions from a high level to a low level. The mode change to output valid time refers to the amount of time it takes for the output of the comparators to become valid after the mode has changed. The internal voltage reference may contribute some delay if used in conjunction with the comparators (see Voltage Reference Settling Time).

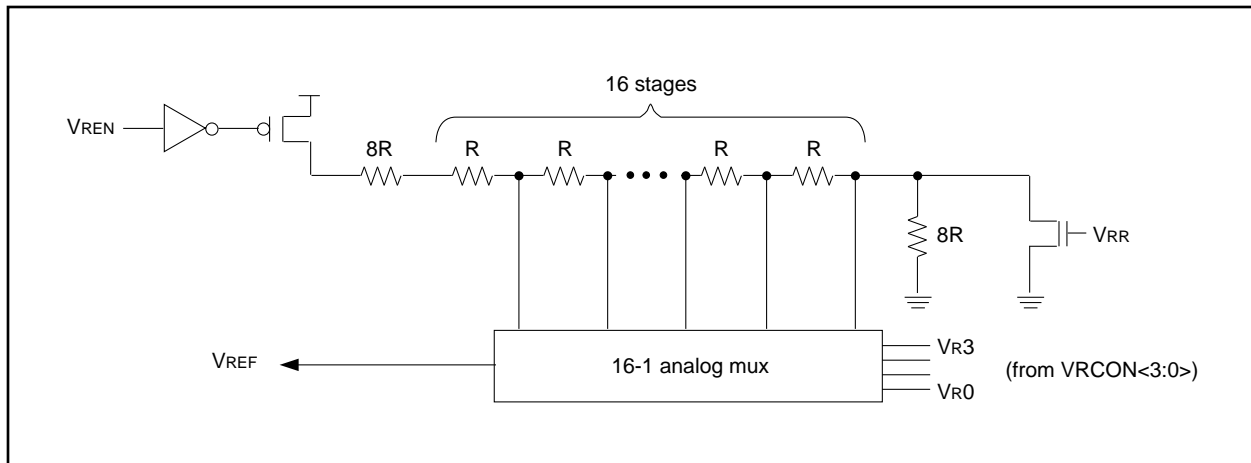
## VOLTAGE REFERENCE MODULE

The voltage reference is a 16-tap resistor ladder network that is segmented to provide two ranges of VREF values. Each range has 16 distinct voltage levels. The voltage reference has a power-down function to conserve power when the reference is not being used. The voltage reference also has the capability to be connected to RA2 as an output. Figure 11 shows the Voltage Reference Control Register (VRCON) register which controls the voltage reference. Figure 12 shows the block diagram for the voltage reference module.

**FIGURE 11: VRCON REGISTER**



**FIGURE 12: VOLTAGE REFERENCE BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**Note:** The voltage reference is VDD derived and therefore, the VREF output changes with fluctuations in VDD.

## Using the Voltage Reference

The voltage reference module operates independently of the comparator module. The output of the voltage reference may be connected to the RA2 pin at any time by setting the TRISA<2> bit and the VRCON<6> bit (VROE). It should be noted that enabling the voltage reference with an input signal present will increase current consumption. Configuring the RA2 pin as a digital output with the VREF output enabled will also increase current consumption. The increases in current are caused by the voltage reference output conflicting with an input signal or the digital output. The amount of increased current consumption is dependent on the setting of VREF and the value of the input signal or the digital output.

The full range of VSS to VDD cannot be realized due to the construction of the module (Figure 12). The transistors on the top and bottom of the resistor ladder network keep VREF from approaching VSS or VDD. Equation 1 and Equation 2 are used to calculate the output of the voltage reference.

### EQUATION 1: VOLTAGE REFERENCE EQUATION, VRR=1

$$V_{REF} = (VR<3:0>/24) \times V_{DD}$$

### EQUATION 2: VOLTAGE REFERENCE EQUATION, VRR=0

$$V_{REF} = (V_{DD}/4) + (VR<3:0>/32) \times V_{DD}$$

An example of how to configure the voltage reference is given in Equation 2. The reference is set for an output voltage of 1.25V at a VDD of 5.0V.

### EXAMPLE 2: VOLTAGE REFERENCE CONFIGURATION

```
MOVLW 0X02      ;4 Inputs Muxed
MOVWF CMCON     ;to 2 comps.
BSF STATUS,RP0 ;go to Bank 1
MOVLW 0x07      ;RA3-RA0 are
MOVWF TRISA     ;outputs
MOVLW 0XA6      ;enable VREF,
MOVWF VRCON     ;low range
                ;set VR<3:0>=6
BCF STATUS,RP0 ;go to Bank 0
CALL DELAY10    ;10µs delay
```

If the voltage reference is used with the comparator module, the following steps should be followed when making changes to the voltage reference.

1. Disable the comparator interrupts
2. Make changes to the voltage reference
3. Delay 10 µs to allow VREF to stabilize
4. Delay 10 µs to allow comparators to settle
5. Clear the comparator interrupt flag
  - Read the CMCON register
  - Clear the CMIF bit
6. Enable comparator interrupts

The output of the voltage reference may be used as a simple DAC. However, the VREF output has limited drive capability when connected to the RA2 pin. In fact the amount of drive the voltage reference can provide is dependent on the setting of the tap on the resistor ladder. If VREF is used as an output, an external buffer must be utilized.

### Voltage Reference Settling Time

Settling time of the voltage reference is defined as the time it takes the output voltage to settle within 1/4 LSB after making a change to the reference. The changes include adjusting the tap position on the resistor ladder, enabling the output, and enabling the reference itself. If the voltage reference is used with the comparator module, the settling time must be considered.

## MAKING SIMPLE A/D CONVERSIONS

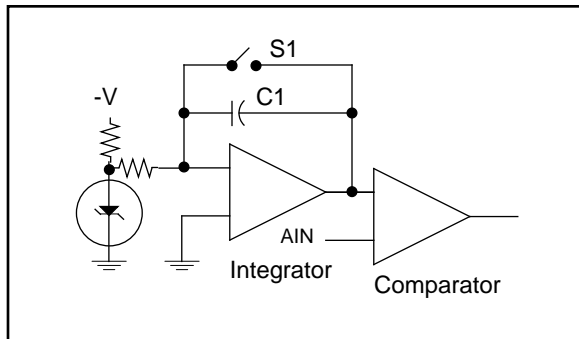
Linear slope integrating A/D converters are very simple to implement and can achieve high linearity and resolution for low conversion rates. The three types of converters that will be discussed are the single-slope, dual-slope, and modified single-slope converters. The following material was referenced from application note AN260, "A 20-Bit (1ppm) Linear Slope-Integrating A/D Converter", found in the Linear Applications Handbook from National Semiconductor®.

### Single-Slope Integrating Converter

A single-slope integrating converter is shown in Figure 13. In a single-slope converter, a linear ramp is compared against an unknown input AIN. When the switch S1 is opened the ramp begins. The time interval between the opening of the switch and the comparator changing state is proportional to the value of AIN.

The basic assumptions are that the integrating capacitor C1 and the clock used to measure the time interval remain constant over time and temperature. This type of converter is heavily dependent on the stability of the integrating capacitor.

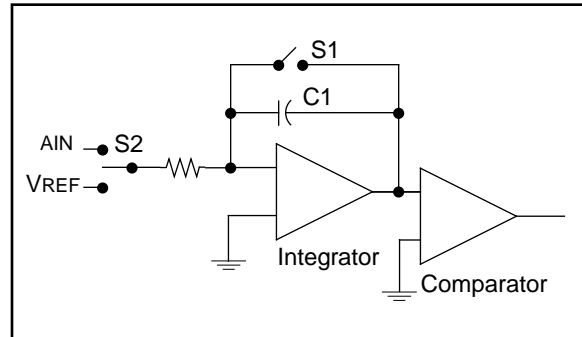
**FIGURE 13: SINGLE-SLOPE INTEGRATING CONVERTER**



### Dual-Slope Integrating Converter

Figure 14 shows a dual-slope integrating converter. The dual-slope converter integrates the AIN input for a predetermined length of time. The voltage reference is then switched into the integrator input, using S2, which integrates in a negative direction from the AIN slope. The length of time the reference slope requires to return to zero is proportional to the value of AIN. Both slopes are made with the same integrating capacitor C1 and measured with the same clock, so they need only to be stable over one conversion cycle.

**FIGURE 14: DUAL-SLOPE INTEGRATING CONVERTER**



The dual-slope converter essentially removes the stability factor of the integrating capacitor from a conversion, however, the dielectric absorption of C1 has a direct effect. Dielectric absorption not only creates residual non-linearity in the dual-slope converter, but causes the converter to output different values for a fixed input as the conversion rate is varied. Dielectric absorption is defined as the capacitor dielectric's unwillingness to accept or give up charge instantaneously. This effect is modeled as a parasitic RC network across the main capacitor. A charged capacitor will require some time to discharge, even through a dead short, due to the parasitic RC network and some amount of charge will be absorbed by the parasitic C after charging of the main capacitor has stopped. Typically, Teflon, polystyrene and polypropylene dielectrics offer better performance than paper, mylar, or glass. Electrolytics have the worst dielectric absorption characteristics and should be avoided for use in slope integrating converters.

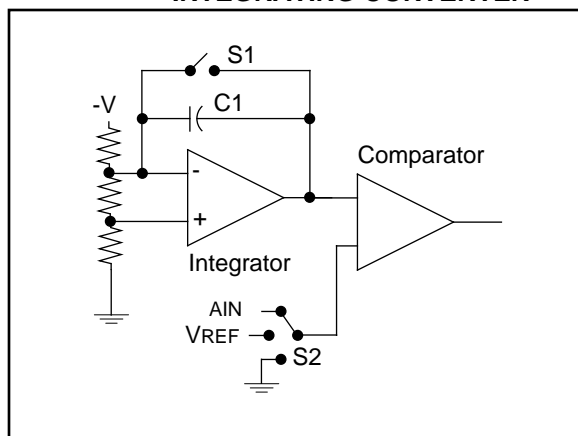


## Modified Single-Slope Converter

The modified single-slope converter has been designed to compensate for the effects present in the previous converters. Resolutions of up to 16-bits can be achieved using high precision components and voltage reference source. Figure 15 shows the modified single-slope converter. Some features of this converter are:

- Continuously corrects for zero and full-scale drifts in all components of the circuit.
- The integrating capacitor C1 is charged periodically and always in the same direction. The error induced from dielectric absorption will be small and can be compensated by using an offset term in the calibration procedure.
- The ramp voltage always approaches the comparator trip point from the same direction and slew rate.
- There is no noise rejection capability because the input signal is directly coupled to the comparator input. A filter at the comparator input would cause a delay due to the settling time of the filter.

**FIGURE 15: MODIFIED SINGLE-SLOPE INTEGRATING CONVERTER**



The microcontroller sends a periodic signal to the switch S1 regardless of the operating mode of the system. The output of the integrator is a fixed frequency, period and height signal which is fed into the input of the comparator. The time between ramps is long enough to allow the integrating capacitor C1 to discharge completely. The other input is multiplexed with ground, reference, and the AIN through switch S2. When the microcontroller starts a conversion, the ground signal is switched into the comparator and the time for the ramp to cross zero is measured and stored. The same measurements are repeated for the reference and AIN signals. Assuming that the integrator ramps are highly linear, Equation 3 is used to determine the value of AIN.

### EQUATION 3: OUTPUT EQUATION FOR THE MODIFIED-SLOPE CONVERTER

$$AIN = \frac{\tau_{AIN} - \tau_{GND}}{\tau_{VREF} - \tau_{GND}} \times K \mu V$$

where  $\tau_{AIN}$  is the measured time for the AIN signal,  $\tau_{VREF}$  is the measured time for the voltage reference signal,  $\tau_{GND}$  is the measured time for the ground signal, and K is a constant (typically  $10^7$ ).

## APPLICATION CIRCUIT

The application circuit, called PICMETER, uses a PIC16C622 as a resistance and capacitance meter. The PICMETER uses a variation of the single-slope integrating converter. The linear slope and integrator of Figure 13 are replaced with the exponential charge waveform of a RC Network. The charge time of a known component is compared against the charge time of an unknown component to determine the value of the unknown component.

A schematic of the PICMETER is shown in Figure 16. All reference designators cited in this section refer to this schematic. Results are transmitted to a PC which displays the value measured. The PICMETER can measure resistance in the range 1 K $\Omega$  to 999 K $\Omega$  and capacitance from 1 nF to 999 nF.

The following sections describe, in detail, the hardware, firmware, and PC software used in the application circuit. Appendix A shows the PICMETER firmware and Appendix B has the PC software. Appendix C contains the PCB layout.



## Power

The RS-232 serial port provides power to the PICMETER. The RTS and DTR lines from the serial port output 3V to 11V to the PICMETER. The diodes D2 and D3 prevent any damage to the PC's serial port. Resistor R10 is used to current limit the Zener diode, D4. D4 is used to regulate the RTS and DTR voltage to 5.6V. Capacitors C3 and C4 provide power supply filtering to the Zener diode and the PIC16C622. This method of supplying power to devices using a serial port, such as a trackball or mouse, is very simple considering that the PICMETER requires approximately 7 mA to function.

## Switches

Switch S1 is used to select either a resistor or capacitor measurement. RB5 of the PIC16C622 is used to detect what type of component is being measured. This switch also swaps the unknown component into the RC network.

If a resistor is the unknown component and a capacitor measurement is requested, the circuit reduces to a resistor divider on the VIN- pin of the comparator. This would result in a measured value of 0 pF if the voltage on the resistor divider network is greater than the voltage reference setting. Otherwise an error is detected. If a capacitor is the unknown component and a resistor measurement is selected, the circuit reduces to a capacitor divider network on the VIN- pin of the comparator. This case will also produce an error message.

Resistor measurements that are started without any component connected to the measuring terminals will cause an error. Capacitor measurements without a component connected to the measuring terminals will give a result of 0 pF.

Switch S2 is used to initiate a measurement. The switch is connected to RB6 of the PIC16C622 and the PORTB wake-up on change interrupt is used to detect a key press. A modified version of the firmware in AN552, "Implementing Wake-up on Key Stroke" was used to control the interrupt.

## Measuring the Charge Time

The procedures for measuring a resistor or capacitor are the same except for the I/O pins used to control the RC networks. This also applies when measuring a known or unknown component.

### Measurement Overview

The charge time of the unknown RC network is measured using Timer0. This value is multiplied by the known value of resistance or capacitance and stored in an accumulator. Then the charge time of the known RC network is measured. The accumulator is divided by the known RC network charge time to give the value of resistance or capacitance of the unknown component. Equation 4 shows the equation used to calculate resistance and Equation 5 shows the capacitance equation.

#### EQUATION 4: RESISTANCE EQUATION

$$R_{UNK} = \frac{\tau_{UNK} \times R_{KN}}{\tau_{KN}}$$

#### EQUATION 5: CAPACITANCE EQUATION

$$C_{UNK} = \frac{\tau_{UNK} \times C_{KN}}{\tau_{KN}}$$

$R_{UNK}$  and  $C_{UNK}$  are the unknown resistor or capacitor values.  $R_{KN}$  and  $C_{KN}$  are the known resistor and capacitor values.  $\tau_{UNK}$  and  $\tau_{KN}$  are the charge times for the unknown and known components.

## **Detailed Measurement Description**

The first step in measuring the charge time of either the known or the unknown RC networks is to reconfigure the I/O pins. The default state of the PORTA and PORTB pins connected to the RC network are all grounded outputs. This discharges all capacitors in the RC networks. The unknown component is measured first, so the known component, R4 or C1, is removed from the RC network. This is accomplished by making RB0 or RB2 on the PIC16C622 an input. Connections to the other RC network are kept grounded.

The analog modules are now initialized. The mode of the comparators is set to Four Inputs Multiplexed to Two Comparators (Figure 6). The CIS bit, CMCON<3> is cleared to select RA0 as the VIN- input to comparator 1 and RA1 as the VIN- input to comparator 2. The voltage reference is enabled, the output is disabled, and the high range is selected. The tap on the resistor ladder is set to 12. The value of 12 was selected because it is the lowest value of VREF that will trip the comparators, yet gives a time constant long enough to achieve good resolution for the measurement. After a 20 msec delay, which allows the analog modules to stabilize, the comparator flag is cleared. Comparator interrupts are enabled and Timer0 is cleared. Finally, the PEIE bit is set to enable comparator interrupts and the GIE bit is set to enable interrupts.

Now that the analog systems are ready, Timer0 is cleared again and power is applied to the unknown RC network by setting RB1 or RB3 high. Timer0 begins to increment a set of three registers which are cascaded together. These registers contain the charge time of the component. While waiting for the DONE flag, the ERROR flag is checked. See the Error Message section for an explanation of error detection. When the capacitor voltage trips the comparator, Timer0 is prevented from further incrementing the time registers and the DONE flag is set. The value in the time registers is  $\tau_{UNK}$ .

The analog modules are now disabled. The comparator interrupts are disabled and the comparators are turned off (CM<2:0>=111). RA0 through RA3 and RB0 through RB4 are set up as grounded outputs to discharge the capacitors in the RC networks. This prevents a false reading during the next measurement. The voltage reference is disabled to conserve power and all interrupt flags are cleared. Extra delay loops are added at this time to ensure that the capacitors are discharged.

The charge time,  $\tau_{UNK}$ , is then multiplied by the value of known resistance or capacitance. These values, in pF or  $\Omega$ , were obtained by measuring the known RC networks with a Fluke meter. Each of these values is a 24-bit number. The result of multiplication is a 56-bit number which is stored in accumulators ACCb (most significant 24-bits) and ACCc (least significant 24-bits).

The process now repeats itself, except this time the charge time of the known RC network is measured. Now the unknown component is removed from the RC network by making the connections from the PIC16C622 inputs. The analog modules are initialized and the same procedure explained above is followed to measure the charge time of the known RC network. The 56-bit result previously stored in accumulators ACCb and ACCc is now divided by the charge time of the known component,  $\tau_{KN}$ . This result is a 24-bit number which has the units of pF or  $\Omega$ . This value is then transmitted to the PC.

## RS-232 Transmission

PICMETER uses a transmit only, software implemented serial port adapted from AN593, "Serial Port Routines Without Using the RTCC". Hardware hand-shaking is not used. Since the serial port is realized in software, all interrupts must be disabled during transmission otherwise the baud rate can get corrupted.

On power-up, PICMETER sends a boot message to the PC which is "PICMETER Booted!". Otherwise, a four byte packet structure with a command byte and 3 data bytes is used. The command byte contains one of four possible commands:

- ASCII 'S' signifies that a measurement has been initiated
- ASCII 'E' tells the PC that an error has been detected
- ASCII 'R' tells the PC that resistance data is contained in the three data bytes
- ASCII 'C' tells the PC that capacitance data is contained in the three data bytes

The first data byte for the 'R' and 'C' commands contain the MSB of the measured value. The last data byte contains the LSB of the measured value. The three data bytes for the commands 'S' and 'E' do not contain any useful information at this time.

An 'S' command is issued every time the start switch, S2, is pressed. PICMETER then sends an 'R' or 'C' command for a valid measurement or an 'E' command when an error is detected.

Since the PICMETER operates from a single supply voltage, a discrete transistor is used as a level shifter. This insures that a low output on the RS-232 TXD line is between -3V and -11V. When the TXD line, RB7, from the PIC16C622 is at a logic high level, the transistor Q1 is off. The RXD line of the computer will then be at approximately the same voltage as the TXD line, -11V to -3V. A logic low level from RB7 of the PIC16C622 will turn on transistor Q1. This will bring the RXD line of the computer to about the same voltage of the DTR or RTS line, +3V to +11V.

The pins of interest on the DB9 connector CON1 are:

- pin 2 - RXD
- pin 3 - TXD
- pin 4 - DTR
- pin 5 - GND
- pin 7 - RTS

RTS, DTR, and GND provide power and ground to the PICMETER. RXD is connected to the collector of transistor Q1. TXD is connected to RXD through resistor R14. Since hardware hand-shaking is not implemented on the PICMETER, DSR (pin 6) and CTS (pin 8) are left disconnected.

The demo board developed by Microchip was intended to connect directly to a 9-pin serial port. A 9-pin male-to-female cable may also be used. These boards were manufactured by Southwest Circuits located in Tucson, Arizona (Appendix C). The PCB layout for this demo board is shown in Appendix C.

## Error Message

The error message is sent only when the PICMETER is making a measurement and detects an error. The range of resistance that the PICMETER measures is 1 k $\Omega$  to 999 k $\Omega$ . Using the value of C2, 1  $\mu$ F, the range of charging times for resistance measurements is 1msec to 999 ms. The range of capacitor charging times is also 1 ms to 999 ms using the resistance value of R3, 1M $\Omega$ , and a capacitor measuring range of 1 nF to 999 nF. A ceramic resonator of 4 MHz gives Timer0 a resolution of 1  $\mu$ sec. Therefore, the highest count that the time registers should reach is 999,000. This is a 20-bit number. If the 21<sup>st</sup> bit should ever be set, it is assumed that the PICMETER is trying to measure the air gap between the measuring terminals, a component that is out of range, or switch S1 is not set correctly for the component in the measuring terminals.

## 24-Bit Math Routines

The 24-bit math routines were developed using simple algorithms found in any computer math book. These math routines include addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and 2's complement. Four 24-bit accumulators located in the general purpose RAM area of the PIC16C622 are used by the math routines: ACCa, ACCb, ACCc, and ACCd. Table 2 shows the relationship between the math routines and the accumulators.

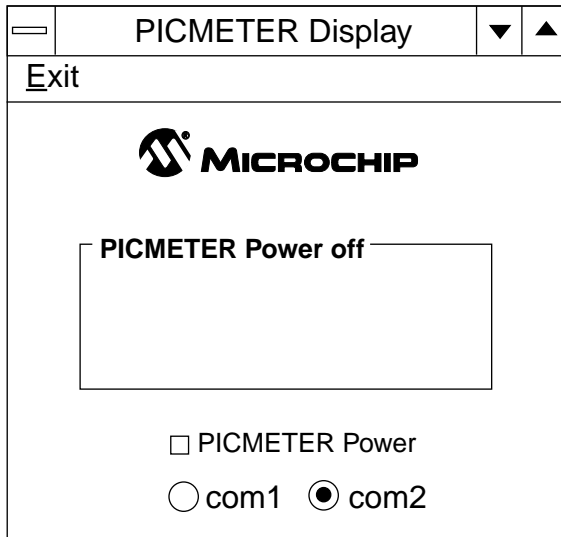
**TABLE 2: MATH ROUTINE ACCUMULATORS**

Name	Operation	Result	Temp. Storage
Add	ACCa + ACCb	ACCb	N/A
Subtract	2's Comp ACCa then	ACCa	N/A
	ACCa + ACCb	ACCa	
Multiply	ACCa x ACCb	ACCb (MSB's) ACCc (LSB's)	ACCd
Divide	ACCb:ACCc ACCa	quotient in ACCc remainder in ACCb	ACCd
2's Comp	NOT(ACCa) + 1	ACCa	N/A

## Computer Program

The program that receives data from the PICMETER was written in Visual Basic® from Microsoft® for the Windows® environment. Figure 17 show the display of the Windows based PICMETER program.

**FIGURE 17: PICMETER PC PROGRAM**



The operation of this program is simple. A functional description is given below:

- a) Select the appropriate COM port by clicking on the COM1 or COM2 buttons.
- b) Turn power on to the PICMETER by clicking on the PICMETER Power button.
- c) The frame message should read "PICMETER Booted!", the frame contents will be cleared, and the LED on the PICMETER should be on.
- d) The switch S1 selects the type of component that is in the measuring terminals.
- e) Pressing the START button, S2, on the PICMETER will initiate a measurement. The frame message should read "Measuring Component" and the contents of the frame will be cleared.
- f) When the measurement is complete, the frame message will read "Resistance" or "Capacitance" depending on the position of switch S1. The value of the component will be displayed in the frame as well as the units.
- g) If an error is detected, the frame message will read "Error Detected". This is only a measurement error. Check the component on the measuring terminals and the position of switch S1.
- h) Turn off the PICMETER by clicking on the PICMETER Power button. The frame message will change to "PICMETER Power OFF", the frame contents will be cleared, and the LED on the PICMETER will turn off.

Appendix B contains a complete listing of the Visual Basic program.

## PICMETER ACCURACY

The PICMETER measures capacitance in the range of 1 nF to 999 nF. Table 3 shows a comparison of various capacitors. All capacitors have a tolerance of 10% and have various dielectrics. The average error percentage is 3%.

**TABLE 3: CAPACITANCE MEASUREMENTS**

Capacitance Accuracy			
Marked Value	Fluke Value	PICMETER Value	Error %
2.2 nF	2.3 nF	2.2 nF	4.3
2.5 nF	2.63 nF	2.5 nF	4.9
20 nF	16.5 nF	16.3 nF	1.2
33 nF	35.2 nF	35.8 nF	1.7
47 nF	45 nF	44.5 nF	1.1
50 nF	52 nF	52.9 nF	1.7
100 nF	99.7 nF	93 nF	6.7
0.1 $\mu$ F	95 nF	96.1 nF	1.2
0.1 $\mu$ F	99.4 nF	102.8 nF	3.4
0.22 $\mu$ F	215 nF	215.2 nF	0.1
470 nF	508 nF	518.9 nF	2.1
940 nF	922 nF	983.1 nF	6.6

The 2.5 nF, 100 nF and 940 nF capacitors all have polyester dielectric material. The Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) of polyester capacitors is typically high which would cause the PICMETER to have a larger error than other dielectrics. If the error percentages for these capacitors is ignored, the average error decreases to 1.9%.

The resistance range of the PICMETER is 1 k $\Omega$  to 999 k $\Omega$ . Table 4, Resistance Measurements, shows a comparison of various resistors in this range. All resistors have a tolerance of 5%. The average error percentage is 1%.

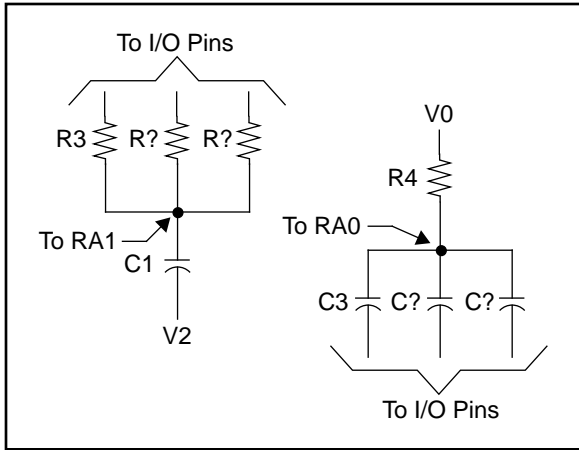
**TABLE 4: RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS**

Resistance Accuracy			
Marked Value	Fluke Value	PICMETER Value	Error %
1.2K	1.215K	1.2K	1.3
5.1K	5.05K	5.0K	1.0
8.2K	8.47K	8.3K	2.0
10K	10.2K	10K	2.0
15K	15.36K	15.1K	1.7
20K	20.8K	20.5K	1.5
30K	30.4K	30K	1.4
51K	50.3K	49.8K	1.0
75K	75.5K	74.8K	1.0
91K	96.4K	95.9K	0.6
150K	146.3K	145.6K	0.5
200K	195.5K	195K	0.3
300K	309K	309.5K	0.2
430K	433K	434.5K	0.4
560K	596K	599.6K	0.6
680K	705K	709.8K	0.7
820K	901K	907.3K	0.7
910K	970K	977.8K	0.8

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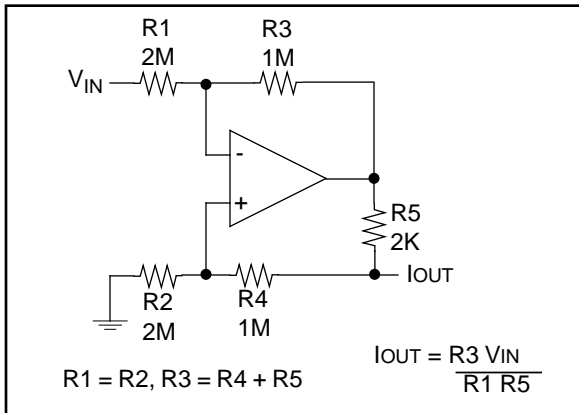
The accuracy of the PICMETER is dependent on the range of components being measured. If auto-ranging could be implemented, the accuracy of the PICMETER could be improved. The addition of capacitors in parallel with C2 of Figure 16 would allow auto-ranging for resistor measurements. Additional resistors in parallel with R3 would give auto-ranging capability to capacitor measurements. Figure 18 shows a simple implementation of auto-ranging given that the I/O pins are available. The R? and C? are the extra components that are added to the PICMETER circuit. These components should be optimized for a particular range of devices.

**FIGURE 18: AUTO-RANGING TECHNIQUE**

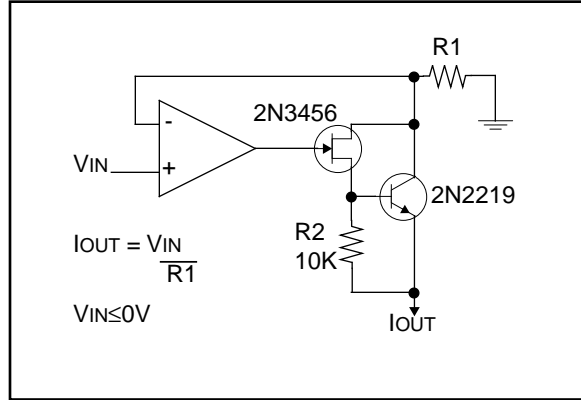


Another addition to the PICMETER that would increase the accuracy of components being measured is a constant current source. The source would feed into the resistor of the RC networks. This provides the same charging current to all RC networks being measured. Figure 19 shows a bilateral current source and Figure 20 shows a precision current source.

**FIGURE 19: BILATERAL CURRENT SOURCE**

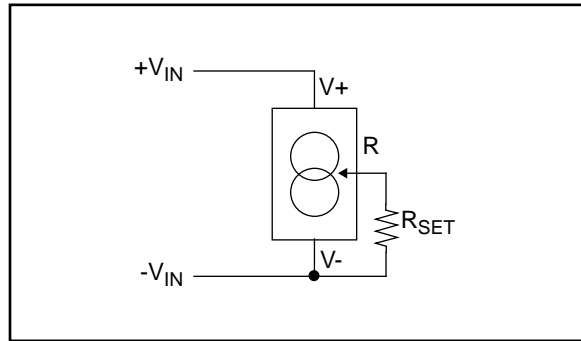


**FIGURE 20: PRECISION CURRENT SOURCE**



The alternative to the previous current sources is a single chip solution. A 3-terminal adjustable current source, such as a LM134/LM234/LM334 from National Semiconductor, is an ideal choice. This output current is programmable from 1  $\mu$ A to 10 mA and requires a single external resistor to set the value of current. Figure 21 shows a block diagram of the LM334Z.

**FIGURE 21: LM334Z BLOCK DIAGRAM**



## CONCLUSION

The PIC16C62X devices add two significant analog features to the PIC16CXX mid-range family: comparators and a voltage reference. The flexibility of eight operating modes for the comparator module allows the designer to tailor the PIC16C62X device to the application. The addition of an on-chip voltage reference simplifies the design by removing at least one external component and power consumption. These analog modules coupled with the PIC16CXX mid-range family core create a new path to achieve high resolution results.



Please check the Microchip BBS for the latest version of the source code. For BBS access information, see Section 6, Microchip Bulletin Board Service, page 6-3.

## APPENDIX A: PICMETER FIRMWARE

MPASM 01.02.05 Intermediate PICMETER.ASM 5-1-1995 11:29:17  
PICMETER Firmware for PIC16C622

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LOC OBJECT CODE      LINE SOURCE TEXT
VALUE

                                0001      TITLE "PICMETER Firmware for PIC16C622"
                                0002      LIST P = 16C622, F = INHX8M
                                0003
                                0004      INCLUDE "C:\PICMASTR\P16CXX.INC"
                                0002 ; P16CXX.INC Standard Header File, Version 0.2 Microchip Technology, Inc.
                                0004
                                0005
3FB9                            0006      FUSES _BODEN_OFF&_CP_OFF&_PWDT_ON&_WDT_OFF&_XT_OSC
                                0007
                                0008 ;*****
                                0009 ;-----*
                                0010 ;*-
                                0011 ;*-   PICMETER - Resistance and Capacitance Meter
                                0012 ;*-
                                0013 ;-----*
                                0014 ;*-
                                0015 ;*-   Author:      Rodger Richey
                                0016 ;*-
                                0017 ;*-   Filename:    picmtr.asm
                                0018 ;*-   Revision:    1 May 1995
                                0019 ;*-
                                0020 ;-----*
                                0021 ;*-
                                0022 ;*-   PICMETER is based on a PIC16C622 which has two comparators and
                                0023 ;*-   a variable voltage reference. Resistance and capacitance is
                                0024 ;*-   calculated by measuring the time constant of a RC network. The
                                0025 ;*-   toggle switch selects either resistor or capacitor input. The
                                0026 ;*-   pushbutton switch starts a measurement. The time constant of the
                                0027 ;*-   unknown component is compared to that of known component to
                                0028 ;*-   calculate the value of the unknown component. The following
                                0029 ;*-   formulas are used:
                                0030 ;*-
                                0031 ;*-   Resistance:   Ru = ( Rk * Tu ) / Tk
                                0032 ;*-   Capacitance:   Cu = ( Ck * Tu ) / Tk
                                0033 ;*-
                                0034 ;-----*
                                0035 ;*****
                                0036
                                0037
                                0038 ;*****
                                0039 ;-----*
                                0040 ;*-   RS232 code borrowed from Application Note AN593
                                0041 ;*-   "Serial Port Routines Without Using the RTCC"
                                0042 ;*-   Author: Stan D'Souza
                                0043 ;-----*
                                0044 ;*****
003D 0900                        0045 xtal    equ    .4000000
2580                            0046 baud    equ    .9600
000F 4240                        0047 fclk    equ    xtal/4
                                0048 ;*****
                                0049 ;The value baudconst must be a 8-bit value only
0020                            0050 baudconst equ    ((fclk/baud)/3-2)
                                0051 ;*****
                                0052
                                0053

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0054 ;*****
0055 ;      Bit Equates
0056 ;*****
0000 0057 BEGIN   equ    0           ;begin a measurement flag
0007 0058 DONE    equ    7           ;done measuring flag
0005 0059 WHICH    equ    5           ;R or C measurement flag
0003 0060 F_ERROR equ    3           ;error detection flag
0005 0061 EMPTY   equ    5           ;flag if component is connected
0000 0062 V0      equ    0           ;power for R reference ckt
0001 0063 V1      equ    1           ;power for C reference ckt
0002 0064 V2      equ    2           ;ground for C reference ckt
0003 0065 V3      equ    3           ;power for unknown R ckt
0004 0066 V4      equ    4           ;ground for unknown C ckt
0007 0067 msb_bit equ    7           ;define for bit 7
0000 0068 lsb_bit equ    0           ;define for bit 0
0007 0069 RkHI    equ    0x07        ;value of the known resistance, R4, in ohms
009D 0070 RkMID   equ    0x9D        ;measured by a Fluke meter
0038 0071 RkLO    equ    0x38
0007 0072 CkHI    equ    0x07        ;value of the known capacitance, C1, in pF
00C8 0073 CkMID   equ    0xC8        ;measured by a Fluke meter
0030 0074 CkLO    equ    0x30
0075
0076 ;*****
0077 ;      User Registers
0078 ;*****
0079 ;      Bank 0
0020 0080 W_TEMP   equ    0x20        ;Bank 0 temporary storage for W reg
0021 0081 STATUS_TEMP equ 0x21        ;temporary storage for STATUS reg
0023 0082 Ttemp    equ    0x23        ;temporary Time register
0024 0083 flags    equ    0x24        ;flags register
0025 0084 count    equ    0x25        ;RS232 register
0026 0085 txreg     equ    0x26        ;RS232 data register
0027 0086 delay     equ    0x27        ;RS232 delay register
0028 0087 offset   equ    0x28        ;table position register
0029 0088 msb       equ    0x29        ;general delay register
002A 0089 lsb       equ    0x2A        ;general delay register
0040 0090 TimeLO    equ    0x40        ;Time registers
0041 0091 TimeMID   equ    0x41
0042 0092 TimeHI    equ    0x42
0093
0094 ;      Math related registers
0050 0095 ACCaHI    equ    0x50        ;24-Bit accumulator a
0051 0096 ACCaMID equ    0x51
0052 0097 ACCaLO    equ    0x52
0053 0098 ACCbHI    equ    0x53        ;24-Bit accumulator b
0054 0099 ACCbMID   equ    0x54
0055 0100 ACCbLO    equ    0x55
0056 0101 ACCcHI    equ    0x56        ;24-Bit accumulator c
0057 0102 ACCcMID   equ    0x57
0058 0103 ACCcLO    equ    0x58
0059 0104 ACCdHI    equ    0x59        ;24-Bit accumulator d
005A 0105 ACCdMID   equ    0x5A
005B 0106 ACCdLO    equ    0x5B
005C 0107 temp      equ    0x5C        ;temporary storage
0108
0109 ;      User Registers Bank 1
0110 ;W_TEMP equ    0xA0        ;Bank 1 temporary storage for W reg
0111
0112 ;      User defines
0113 #define tx      PORTB,7        ;define for RS232 TXD output pin
0114
0115 ;*****
0116
0117          org    0x0
0000 2810 0118          goto   init
0119
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0120          org      0x4
0004 28B9     0121     goto    ServiceInterrupts
0122
0123          org      0x10
0010         0124     init
0010 1283     0125     bcf     STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
0011 0185     0126     clrf   PORTA        ;clear PORTA and PORTB
0012 0186     0127     clrf   PORTB
0013 1786     0128     bsf     tx            ;set TXD output pin
0014 01A4     0129     clrf   flags        ;clear flags register
0015 3010     0130     movlw  0x10        ;load table offset register
0016 00A8     0131     movwf  offset
0017 018B     0132     clrf   INTCON       ;clear interrupt flags and disable interrupts
0018 3007     0133     movlw  0x07        ;turn off comparators, mode 111
0019 009F     0134     movwf  CMCON
001A 2140     0135     call   delay20       ;wait for comarators to settle
001B 089F     0136     movf   CMCON,F
001C 130C     0137     bcf     PIR1,CMIF
001D 1683     0138     bsf     STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 1
001E 3088     0139     movlw  0x88        ;WDT prescalar,internal TMR0 increment
001F 0081     0140     movwf  OPTION_REG
0020 0185     0141     clrf   TRISA        ;PORTA all outputs, discharges RC ckts
0021 3060     0142     movlw  0x60        ;PORTA<7,4:0> outputs, PORTA<6:5> inputs
0022 0086     0143     movwf  TRISB
0023 300C     0144     movlw  0x0C        ;setup Voltage Reference
0024 009F     0145     movwf  VRCON
0025 1283     0146     bcf     STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
0026 3008     0147     movlw  0x08        ;enable RBIE interrupt
0027 008B     0148     movwf  INTCON
0028 213D     0149     call   vlong        ;delay before transmitting boot message
0029 213D     0150     call   vlong        ;to allow computer program to setup
002A 213D     0151     call   vlong
002B 2131     0152     call   BootMSG      ;transmit boot message
002C 178B     0153     bsf     INTCON,GIE     ;enable global interrupt bit
0154
002D         0155     start
002D 1C24     0156     btfss  flags,BEGIN    ;wait for a start measurement key press
002E 282D     0157     goto   start
002F 1024     0158     bcf     flags,BEGIN    ;clear start measurement flag
0159
0030 138B     0160     bcf     INTCON,GIE     ;transmit a start measurement message
0031 3053     0161     movlw  'S'          ;to the PC
0032 20AD     0162     call   Send
0033 178B     0163     bsf     INTCON,GIE
0164
0034 01C2     0165     clrf   TimeHI        ;reset Time registers
0035 01C1     0166     clrf   TimeMID
0036 01C0     0167     clrf   TimeLO
0037 1E86     0168     btfss  PORTB,WHICH    ;detect if resistor or capacitor measure
0038 2862     0169     goto   Capacitor
0170
0039         0171     Resistor
0039 1683     0172     bsf     STATUS,RP0      ;set V0 to input
003A 1406     0173     bsf     TRISB,V0
003B 1283     0174     bcf     STATUS,RP0
003C 20FB     0175     call   AnalogOn      ;turn analog on
003D 0181     0176     clrf   TMR0
003E 0000     0177     nop
003F 1586     0178     bsf     PORTB,V3      ;turn power on to unknown RC ckt
0040 19A4     0179     RwaitU btfsc  flags,F_ERROR    ;detect if an error occurs
0041 288B     0180     goto   ErrorDetect
0042 1FA4     0181     btfss  flags,DONE     ;measurement completed flag
0043 2840     0182     goto   RwaitU
0044 13A4     0183     bcf     flags,DONE     ;clear measurement completed flag
0045 2111     0184     call   AnalogOff     ;turn analog off
0185

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0046 2126          0186      call    SwapTtoA      ;swap Time to accumulator a
0047 3007          0187      movlw   RkHI          ;swap known resistance value
0048 00D3          0188      movwf  ACCbHI        ;to accumulator b
0049 309D          0189      movlw   RkMID
004A 00D4          0190      movwf  ACCbMID
004B 3038          0191      movlw   RkLO
004C 00D5          0192      movwf  ACCbLO
004D 2230          0193      call    Mpy24         ;multiply accumulator a and b
                   0194
004E 1683          0195      bsf    STATUS,RP0    ;set V3 to input
004F 1586          0196      bsf    TRISB,V3
0050 1283          0197      bcf    STATUS,RP0
0051 20FB          0198      call    AnalogOn     ;turn analog on
0052 0181          0199      clrf   TMR0
0053 0000          0200      nop
0054 1406          0201      bsf    PORTB,V0      ;turn power on to known RC ckt
0055 19A4          0202 RwaitK  btfsc  flags,F_ERROR ;detect if an error occurs
0056 288B          0203      goto   ErrorDetect
0057 1FA4          0204      btfss  flags,DONE    ;measurement completed flag

0058 2855          0205      goto   RwaitK
0059 13A4          0206      bcf    flags,DONE    ;clear measurement completed flag
005A 2111          0207      call   AnalogOff     ;turn analog off
                   0208
005B 2126          0209      call   SwapTtoA     ;swap Time to accumulator a
005C 224B          0210      call   Div24         ;divide multiply by known time
                   0211
005D 138B          0212      bcf    INTCON,GIE    ;disable all interrupts
005E 3052          0213      movlw  'R'          ;transmit, for R measurement
005F 20AD          0214      call   Send
0060 178B          0215      bsf    INTCON,GIE    ;enable global interrupt bit
0061 282D          0216      goto   start        ;restart
                   0217
0062              0218 Capacitor
0062 1683          0219      bsf    STATUS,RP0    ;set V2 to input
0063 1506          0220      bsf    TRISB,V2
0064 1283          0221      bcf    STATUS,RP0
0065 20FB          0222      call   AnalogOn     ;turn analog on
0066 0181          0223      clrf   TMR0
0067 0000          0224      nop
0068 1486          0225      bsf    PORTB,V1      ;turn power on to unknown RC ckt
0069 19A4          0226 CwaitU  btfsc  flags,F_ERROR ;detect if an error occurs
006A 288B          0227      goto   ErrorDetect
006B 1FA4          0228      btfss  flags,DONE    ;measurement completed flag
006C 2869          0229      goto   CwaitU
006D 13A4          0230      bcf    flags,DONE    ;clear measurement completed flag
006E 2111          0231      call   AnalogOff     ;turn analog off
                   0232
006F 2126          0233      call   SwapTtoA     ;swap Time to accumulator a
0070 3007          0234      movlw  CkHI          ;swap known resistance value
0071 00D3          0235      movwf  ACCbHI        ;to accumulator b
0072 30C8          0236      movlw  CkMID
0073 00D4          0237      movwf  ACCbMID
0074 3030          0238      movlw  CkLO
0075 00D5          0239      movwf  ACCbLO
0076 2230          0240      call   Mpy24         ;multiply accumulator a and b
                   0241
0077 1683          0242      bsf    STATUS,RP0    ;set V3 to input
0078 1606          0243      bsf    TRISB,V4
0079 1283          0244      bcf    STATUS,RP0
007A 20FB          0245      call   AnalogOn     ;turn analog on
007B 0181          0246      clrf   TMR0
007C 0000          0247      nop
007D 1486          0248      bsf    PORTB,V1      ;turn power on to known RC ckt
007E 19A4          0249 CwaitK  btfsc  flags,F_ERROR ;detect if an error occurs
007F 288B          0250      goto   ErrorDetect
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0080 1FA4      0251      btfss   flags,DONE      ;measurement completed flag
0081 287E      0252      goto    CwaitK
0082 13A4      0253      bcf     flags,DONE      ;clear measurement completed flag
0083 2111      0254      call    AnalogOff       ;turn analog off
                                0255
0084 2126      0256      call    SwapTtoA        ;swap Time to accumulator a
0085 224B      0257      call    Div24           ;divide multiply by known time
                                0258
0086 138B      0259      bcf     INTCON,GIE      ;disable all interrupts
0087 3043      0260      movlw   'C'            ;transmit, for C measurement
0088 20AD      0261      call    Send
0089 178B      0262      bsf     INTCON,GIE      ;enable global interrupt bit
008A 282D      0263      goto    start           ;restart
                                0264
008B          0265      ErrorDetect
008B 1283      0266      bcf     STATUS,RP0      ;disable TMR0
008C 128B      0267      bcf     INTCON,T0IE
008D 110B      0268      bcf     INTCON,T0IF
008E 2111      0269      call    AnalogOff       ;turn analog off
008F 11A4      0270      bcf     flags,F_ERROR   ;clear error flag
                                0271
0090 138B      0272      bcf     INTCON,GIE      ;disable all interrupts
0091 3045      0273      movlw   'E'            ;transmit, for C measurement
0092 20AD      0274      call    Send
0093 178B      0275      bsf     INTCON,GIE      ;enable global interrupt bit
0094 282D      0276      goto    start           ;restart
                                0277
0278 ;*****
0279 ;-----*
0280 ;*-      RS232 Transmit Routine
0281 ;*-      Borrowed from AN593, "Serial Port Routines Without Using the R1CC"
0282 ;*-      Author: Stan D'Souza
0283 ;*-      This is the routine that interfaces directly to the hardware
0284 ;-----*
0285 ;*****
0095          0286      Transmit
0095 1283      0287      bcf     STATUS,RP0
0096 00A6      0288      movwf   txreg
0097 1386      0289      bcf     tx                ;send start bit
0098 3020      0290      movlw   baudconst
0099 00A7      0291      movwf   delay
009A 3009      0292      movlw   0x9
009B 00A5      0293      movwf   count
009C          0294      txbaudwait
009C 0BA7      0295      decfsz  delay
009D 289C      0296      goto    txbaudwait
009E 3020      0297      movlw   baudconst
009F 00A7      0298      movwf   delay
00A0 0BA5      0299      decfsz  count
00A1 28A6      0300      goto    SendNextBit
00A2 3009      0301      movlw   0x9
00A3 00A5      0302      movwf   count
00A4 1786      0303      bsf     tx                ;send stop bit
00A5 0008      0304      return
00A6          0305      SendNextBit
00A6 0CA6      0306      rrf     txreg
00A7 1C03      0307      btfss   STATUS,C
00A8 28AB      0308      goto    Setlo
00A9 1786      0309      bsf     tx
00AA 289C      0310      goto    txbaudwait
00AB 1386      0311      Setlo   bcf     tx
00AC 289C      0312      goto    txbaudwait
                                0313 ;-----
0314
0315 ;*****
0316 ;-----*

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0317 ;*-      Generic Transmit Routine
0318 ;*-      Sends what is currently in the W register and accumulator ACCc
0319 ;-----*
0320 ;*****
00AD      0321 Send
00AD 2095      0322      call    Transmit
00AE 2146      0323      call    delay1      ;delay between bytes
00AF 0856      0324      movf   ACCcHI,W      ;transmit high resistance byte
00B0 2095      0325      call    Transmit
00B1 2146      0326      call    delay1      ;delay between bytes
00B2 0857      0327      movf   ACCcMID,W     ;transmit mid resistance byte
00B3 2095      0328      call    Transmit
00B4 2146      0329      call    delay1      ;delay between bytes
00B5 0858      0330      movf   ACCcLO,W     ;transmit low resistance byte
00B6 2095      0331      call    Transmit
00B7 2146      0332      call    delay1      ;delay between bytes
00B8 0008      0333      return
0334 ;-----*
0335 ;*****
0336 ;-----*
0337 ;-----*
0338 ;*-      Interrupt Service Routines
0339 ;-----*
0340 ;*****
00B9      0341 ServiceInterrupts
00B9 00A0      0342      movwf  W_TEMP      ;Pseudo push instructions
00BA 0E03      0343      swapf STATUS,W
00BB 1283      0344      bcf    STATUS,RP0
00BC 00A1      0345      movwf  STATUS_TEMP
0346
00BD 0801      0347      movf   TMR0,W
00BE 00A3      0348      movwf  Ttemp
00BF 190B      0349      btfs   INTCON,T0IF      ;Service Timer 0 overflow
00C0 20E5      0350      call   ServiceTimer
00C1 1B0C      0351      btfs   PIR1,CMIF      ;Stops Timer0, Records Value
00C2 20EC      0352      call   ServiceComparator
00C3 180B      0353      btfs   INTCON,RBIF      ;Service pushbutton switch
00C4 20CB      0354      call   ServiceKeystroke ;Starts a measurement
0355
00C5 1283      0356      bcf    STATUS,RP0
00C6 0E21      0357      swapf STATUS_TEMP,W     ;Pseudo pop instructions
00C7 0083      0358      movwf  STATUS
00C8 0EA0      0359      swapf  W_TEMP,F
00C9 0E20      0360      swapf  W_TEMP,W
0361
00CA 0009      0362      retfie
0363 ;-----*
0364 ;*****
0365 ;-----*
0366 ;-----*
0367 ;*-      Borrowed from AN552, "Implementing Wake-up on Key Stroke"
0368 ;*-      Author: Stan D'Souza
0369 ;-----*
0370 ;*****
00CB      0371 ServiceKeystroke
00CB 118B      0372      bcf    INTCON,RBIE      ;disable interrupt
00CC 0906      0373      comf  PORTB,W          ;read PORTB
00CD 100B      0374      bcf    INTCON,RBIF      ;clear interrupt flag
00CE 3940      0375      andlw B'01000000'
00CF 1903      0376      btfs   STATUS,Z
00D0 28D6      0377      goto  NotSwitch
00D1 2143      0378      call  delay16          ;de-bounce switch for 16msec
00D2 0906      0379      comf  PORTB,W          ;read PORTB again
00D3 20D9      0380      call  KeyRelease      ;check for key release
00D4 1424      0381      bsf   flags,BEGIN
00D5 0008      0382      return
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0383
00D6      0384 NotSwitch      ;detected other PORTB pin change
00D6 100B      0385      bcf      INTCON,RBIF      ;reset RBI interrupt
00D7 158B      0386      bsf      INTCON,RBIE
00D8 0008      0387      return
0388
00D9      0389 KeyRelease
00D9 2143      0390      call     delay16      ;debounce switch
00DA 0906      0391      comf    PORTB,W      ;read PORTB
00DB 100B      0392      bcf      INTCON,RBIF      ;clear flag
00DC 158B      0393      bsf      INTCON,RBIE      ;enable interrupt
00DD 3940      0394      andlw   B'01000000'
00DE 1903      0395      btfsc   STATUS,Z      ;key still pressed?
00DF 0008      0396      return      ;if no, then return
00E0 0063      0397      sleep      ;else, save power
00E1 118B      0398      bcf      INTCON,RBIE      ;disable interrupts
00E2 0906      0399      comf    PORTB,W      ;read PORTB
00E3 100B      0400      bcf      INTCON,RBIF      ;clear flag
00E4 28D9      0401      goto    KeyRelease      ;try again
0402 ;
0403
0404 ;*****
0405 ;-----*
0406 ;*-      ISR to service a Timer0 overflow
0407 ;-----*
0408 ;*****
00E5      0409 ServiceTimer
00E5 0AC1      0410      incf    TimeMID,F      ;increment middle Time byte
00E6 1903      0411      btfsc   STATUS,Z      ;if middle overflows,
00E7 0AC2      0412      incf    TimeHI,F      ;increment high Time byte
00E8 1AC2      0413      btfsc   TimeHI,EMPTY      ;check if component is connected
00E9 15A4      0414      bsf     flags,F_ERROR      ;set error flag
00EA 110B      0415      bcf     INTCON,T0IF      ;clear TMR0 interrupt flag
00EB 0008      0416      return
0417 ;
0418
0419 ;*****
0420 ;-----*
0421 ;*-      ISR to service a Comparator interrupt
0422 ;-----*
0423 ;*****
00EC      0424 ServiceComparator
00EC 1283      0425      bcf     STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
00ED 1E86      0426      btfss   PORTB,WHICH      ;detect which measurement, R or C?
00EE 28F2      0427      goto    capcomp
00EF 1F1F      0428      btfss   CMCON,C1OUT      ;detect if R ckt has interrupted
00F0 28F4      0429      goto    scstop
00F1 28F9      0430      goto    scend
00F2      0431 capcomp
00F2 1B9F      0432      btfsc   CMCON,C2OUT      ;detect if C ckt has interrupted
00F3 28F9      0433      goto    scend
00F4      0434 scstop
00F4 128B      0435      bcf     INTCON,T0IE      ;disable TMR0 interrupts
00F5 110B      0436      bcf     INTCON,T0IF
00F6 0823      0437      movf    Ttemp,W
00F7 00C0      0438      movwf   TimeLO
00F8 17A4      0439      bsf     flags,DONE      ;set DONE flag
00F9      0440 scend
00F9 130C      0441      bcf     PIR1,CMIF      ;clear comparator interrupt flag
00FA 0008      0442      return
0443 ;
0444
0445 ;*****
0446 ;-----*
0447 ;*-      Turn Comparators and Vref On
0448 ;-----*

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0449 ;*****
00FB      0450 AnalogOn
00FB 1283 0451      bcf      STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
00FC 3002 0452      movlw    0x02          ;turn comparators on, mode 010
00FD 009F 0453      movwf   CMCON          ;4 inputs multiplexed to 2 comparators
00FE 1683 0454      bsf      STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 1
00FF 300F 0455      movlw    0x0F          ;make PORTA<3:0> all inputs
0100 0085 0456      movwf   TRISA
0101 179F 0457      bsf      VRCON,VREN
0102 1283 0458      bcf      STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
0103 2140 0459      call    delay20        ;20msec delay
0104 089F 0460      movf    CMCON,F          ;clear comparator mismatch condition
0105 130C 0461      bcf      PIR1,CMIF       ;clear comparator interrupt flag
0106 1683 0462      bsf      STATUS,RP0
0107 170C 0463      bsf      PIEL,CMIE       ;enable comparator interrupts
0108 1283 0464      bcf      STATUS,RP0
0109 170B 0465      bsf      INTCON,PEIE     ;enable peripheral interrupts
010A 11A4 0466      bcf      flags,F_ERROR   ;clear TMR0 counter
010B 0181 0467      clrf    TMR0
010C 0000 0468      nop
010D 0000 0469      nop
010E 110B 0470      bcf      INTCON,TOIF     ;clear TMR0 interrupt flag
010F 168B 0471      bsf      INTCON,TOIE     ;enable TMR0 interrupts
0110 0008 0472      return
0473 ;
0474
0475 ;*****
0476 ;*-----*
0477 ;*-      Turn Comparators and Vref Off
0478 ;*-----*
0479 ;*****
0111      0480 AnalogOff
0111 1283 0481      bcf      STATUS,RP0
0112 130B 0482      bcf      INTCON,PEIE
0113 3080 0483      movlw    0x80          ;reset PORTB value
0114 0086 0484      movwf   PORTB
0115 1683 0485      bsf      STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 1
0116 130C 0486      bcf      PIEL,CMIE       ;disable comparator interrupts
0117 0185 0487      clrf    TRISA          ;set PORTA pins to outputs, discharge RC ckt
0118 3060 0488      movlw    0x60          ;set PORTB 7,4-0 as outputs, 6,5 as inputs
0119 0086 0489      movwf   TRISB
011A 139F 0490      bcf      VRCON,VREN     ;disable Vref
011B 1283 0491      bcf      STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
011C 3007 0492      movlw    0x07
011D 009F 0493      movwf   CMCON          ;disable comparators
011E 2140 0494      call    delay20        ;20msec delay
011F 089F 0495      movf    CMCON,F          ;clear comparator mismatch condition
0120 130C 0496      bcf      PIR1,CMIF       ;clear comparator interrupt flag
0121 110B 0497      bcf      INTCON,TOIF     ;clear Timer0 interrupt flag
0122 213D 0498      call    vlong          ;long delay to allow capacitors to discharge
0123 213D 0499      call    vlong
0124 213D 0500      call    vlong
0125 0008 0501      return
0502 ;
0503
0504 ;*****
0505 ;*-----*
0506 ;*-      Swap Time to Accumulator a
0507 ;*-----*
0508 ;*****
0126      0509 SwapTtoA
0126 1283 0510      bcf      STATUS,RP0
0127 0842 0511      movf    TimeHI,W
0128 00D0 0512      movwf   ACCaHI
0129 0841 0513      movf    TimeMID,W
012A 00D1 0514      movwf   ACCaMID
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012B 0840          0515      movf    TimeLO,W
012C 00D2          0516      movwf   ACCaLO
012D 01C2          0517      clrf   TimeHI
012E 01C1          0518      clrf   TimeMID
012F 01C0          0519      clrf   TimeLO
0130 0008          0520      return
0521 ; _____
0522
0523 ;*****
0524 ;*-----*
0525 ;*-      Transmit the Boot Message
0526 ;*-----*
0527 ;*****

0131              0528 BootMSG
0131 1283          0529      bcf    STATUS,RP0      ;select bank 0
0132 3002          0530 msg   movlw   HIGH Table   ;init the PCH for a table call
0133 008A          0531      movwf  PCLATH
0134 0828          0532      movf   offset,W        ;move table offset into W
0135 2200          0533      call   Table           ;get table value
0136 2095          0534      call   Transmit       ;transmit table value
0137 2146          0535      call   delay1         ;delay between bytes
0138 0BA8          0536      decfsz offset,F      ;check for end of table
0139 2932          0537      goto   msg
013A 3010          0538      movlw  0x10           ;reset table offset
013B 00A8          0539      movwf  offset
013C 0008          0540      return
0541 ; _____
0542
0543 ;*****
0544 ;*-----*
0545 ;*-      Delay Routines
0546 ;*-----*
0547 ;*****

013D 30FF          0548 vlong  movlw   0xff           ;very long delay, approx 200msec
013E 00A9          0549      movwf  msb
013F 2948          0550      goto   d1
0140              0551 delay20                ;20 msec delay
0140 301A          0552      movlw  .26
0141 00A9          0553      movwf  msb
0142 2948          0554      goto   d1
0143              0555 delay16                ;16 msec delay
0143 3015          0556      movlw  .21
0144 00A9          0557      movwf  msb
0145 2948          0558      goto   d1
0146              0559 delay1                ;approx 750nsec delay
0146 3001          0560      movlw  .1
0147 00A9          0561      movwf  msb
0148 30FF          0562 d1    movlw   0xff
0149 00AA          0563      movwf  lsb
014A 0BAA          0564 d2    decfsz  lsb,F
014B 294A          0565      goto   d2
014C 0BA9          0566      decfsz  msb,F
014D 2948          0567      goto   d1
014E 0008          0568      return
0569 ; _____
0570
0571
0572      org    0x200
0573
0574
0575 ;*****
0576 ;*-----*
0577 ;*-      Table for Boot Message
0578 ;*-----*
0579 ;*****

0200              0580 Table                ;boot message "PICMETER Booted!"

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0200 0782          0581      addwf   PCL           ;add W to PCL
0201 3400          0582      retlw   0
0202 3421          0583      retlw   '!'
0203 3464          0584      retlw   'd'
0204 3465          0585      retlw   'e'
0205 3474          0586      retlw   't'
0206 346F          0587      retlw   'o'
0207 346F          0588      retlw   'o'
0208 3442          0589      retlw   'B'
0209 3420          0590      retlw   ' '
020A 3472          0591      retlw   'r'
020B 3465          0592      retlw   'e'
020C 3474          0593      retlw   't'
020D 3465          0594      retlw   'e'
020E 346D          0595      retlw   'm'
020F 3443          0596      retlw   'C'
0210 3449          0597      retlw   'I'
0211 3450          0598      retlw   'P'
0599 ;
0600
0601 ;*****
0602 ;*-----*
0603 ;*-      24-bit Addition
0604 ;*-
0605 ;*-      Uses ACCa and ACCb
0606 ;*-
0607 ;*-      ACCa + ACCb -> ACCb
0608 ;*-----*
0609 ;*****
0212          0610 Add24
0212 0852          0611      movf   ACCaLO,W
0213 07D5          0612      addwf  ACCbLO           ;add low bytes
0214 1803          0613      btfsc STATUS,C         ;add in carry if necessary
0215 2A1D          0614      goto  A2
0216 0851          0615 A1    movf   ACCaMID,W
0217 07D4          0616      addwf  ACCbMID         ;add mid bytes
0218 1803          0617      btfsc STATUS,C         ;add in carry if necessary
0219 0AD3          0618      incf  ACCbHI
021A 0850          0619      movf  ACCaHI,W
021B 07D3          0620      addwf  ACCbHI         ;add high bytes
021C 3400          0621      retlw  0
021D 0AD4          0622 A2    incf  ACCbMID
021E 1903          0623      btfsc STATUS,Z
021F 0AD3          0624      incf  ACCbHI
0220 2A16          0625      goto  A1
0626 ;
0627
0628 ;*****
0629 ;*-----*
0630 ;*-      Subtraction ( 24 - 24 -> 24 )
0631 ;*-
0632 ;*-      Uses ACCa, ACCb, ACCd
0633 ;*-
0634 ;*-      ACCa -> ACCd,
0635 ;*-      2's complement ACCa,
0636 ;*-      call Add24 ( ACCa + ACCb -> ACCb ),
0637 ;*-      ACCd -> ACCa
0638 ;*-----*
0639 ;*****
0221          0640 Sub24
0221 0850          0641      movf  ACCaHI,W         ;Transfer ACCa to ACCd
0222 00D9          0642      movwf ACCdHI
0223 0851          0643      movf  ACCaMID,W
0224 00DA          0644      movwf ACCdMID
0225 0852          0645      movf  ACCaLO,W
0226 00DB          0646      movwf ACCdLO
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0227 2275      0647      call    compA          ;2's complement ACCa
0228 2212      0648      call    Add24          ;Add ACCa to ACCb
0229 0859      0649      movf    ACCdHI,W       ;Transfer ACCd to ACCa
022A 00D0      0650      movwf   ACCaHI
022B 085A      0651      movf    ACCdMID,W
022C 00D1      0652      movwf   ACCaMID
022D 085B      0653      movf    ACCdLO,W
022E 00D2      0654      movwf   ACCaLO
022F 3400      0655      retlw  0
0656 ; _____
0657
0658 ;*****
0659 ;-----*
0660 ;*-      Multiply ( 24 X 24 -> 56 )
0661 ;*-
0662 ;*-      Uses ACCa, ACCb, ACCc, ACCd
0663 ;*-
0664 ;*-      ACCa * ACCb -> ACCb,ACCc 56-bit output
0665 ;*-      with ACCb (ACCbHI,ACCbMID,ACCbLO) with 24 msb's and
0666 ;*-      ACCc (ACCcHI,ACCcMID,ACCcLO) with 24 lsb's
0667 ;-----*
0668 ;*****
0230 0230      0669 Mpy24
0230 223F      0670      call    Msetup
0231 0CD9      0671 mloop  rrf    ACCdHI          ;rotate d right
0232 0CDA      0672      rrf    ACCdMID
0233 0CDB      0673      rrf    ACCdLO
0234 1803      0674      btfsc  STATUS,C       ;need to add?
0235 2212      0675      call    Add24
0236 0CD3      0676      rrf    ACCbHI
0237 0CD4      0677      rrf    ACCbMID
0238 0CD5      0678      rrf    ACCbLO
0239 0CD6      0679      rrf    ACCcHI
023A 0CD7      0680      rrf    ACCcMID
023B 0CD8      0681      rrf    ACCcLO
023C 0BDC      0682      decfsz temp          ;loop until all bits checked
023D 2A31      0683      goto   mloop
023E 3400      0684      retlw  0
0685
023F 023F      0686 Msetup
023F 3018      0687      movlw  0x18          ;for 24 bit shifts
0240 00DC      0688      movwf  temp
0241 0853      0689      movf   ACCbHI,W     ;move ACCb to ACCd
0242 00D9      0690      movwf  ACCdHI
0243 0854      0691      movf   ACCbMID,W
0244 00DA      0692      movwf  ACCdMID
0245 0855      0693      movf   ACCbLO,W
0246 00DB      0694      movwf  ACCdLO
0247 01D3      0695      clrf   ACCbHI
0248 01D4      0696      clrf   ACCbMID
0249 01D5      0697      clrf   ACCbLO
024A 3400      0698      retlw  0
0699 ; _____
0700
0701 ;*****
0702 ;-----*
0703 ;*-      Division ( 56 / 24 -> 24 )
0704 ;*-
0705 ;*-      Uses ACCa, ACCb, ACCc, ACCd
0706 ;*-
0707 ;*-      56-bit dividend in ACCb,ACCc ( ACCb has msb's and ACCc has lsb's)
0708 ;*-      24-bit divisor in ACCa
0709 ;*-      quotient is stored in ACCc
0710 ;*-      remainder is stored in ACCb
0711 ;-----*
0712 ;*****

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024B          0713 Div24
024B 2272     0714          call    Dsetup
              0715
024C 1003     0716 dloop   bcf     STATUS,C
024D ODD8     0717          rlf     ACCcLO          ;Rotate dividend left 1 bit position
024E ODD7     0718          rlf     ACCcMID
024F ODD6     0719          rlf     ACCcHI
0250 ODD5     0720          rlf     ACCbLO
0251 ODD4     0721          rlf     ACCbMID
0252 ODD3     0722          rlf     ACCbHI
              0723
0253 1803     0724          btfsc  STATUS,C          ;invert carry and exclusive or with the
0254 2A58     0725          goto   clear          ;msb of the divisor then move this bit
0255 1FD0     0726          btfss  ACCaHI,msb_bit ;into the lsb of the dividend
0256 0AD8     0727          incf   ACCcLO
0257 2A5A     0728          goto   cont
0258 1BD0     0729 clear   btfsc  ACCaHI,msb_bit
0259 0AD8     0730          incf   ACCcLO
              0731
025A 1858     0732 cont   btfsc  ACCcLO,lsb_bit ;check the lsb of the dividend
025B 2A5E     0733          goto   minus
025C 2212     0734          call   Add24          ;if = 0, then add divisor to upper 24 bits
025D 2A5F     0735          goto   check          ;of dividend
025E 2221     0736 minus  call   Sub24          ;if = 1, then subtract divisor from upper
              0737          ;24 bits of dividend
              0738
025F 0BDC     0739 check  decfsz temp,f          ;do 24 times
0260 2A4C     0740          goto   dloop
              0741
0261 1003     0742          bcf     STATUS,C
0262 ODD8     0743          rlf     ACCcLO          ;shift lower 24 bits of dividend 1 bit
0263 ODD7     0744          rlf     ACCcMID          ;position left
0264 ODD6     0745          rlf     ACCcHI
0265 1BD3     0746          btfsc  ACCbHI,msb_bit ;exclusive or the inverse of the msb of the
0266 2A6A     0747          goto   w1            ;dividend with the msb of the divisor
0267 1FD0     0748          btfss  ACCaHI,msb_bit ;store in the lsb of the dividend
0268 0AD8     0749          incf   ACCcLO
0269 2A6C     0750          goto   wzd
026A 1BD0     0751 w1     btfsc  ACCaHI,msb_bit
026B 0AD8     0752          incf   ACCcLO
026C 1FD3     0753 wzd   btfss  ACCbHI,msb_bit ;if the msb of the remainder is set and
026D 2A71     0754          goto   wend
026E 1BD0     0755          btfsc  ACCaHI,msb_bit ;the msb of the divisor is not
026F 2A71     0756          goto   wend
0270 2212     0757          call   Add24          ;add the divisor to the remainder to correct
              0758          ;for zero partial remainder
              0759
0271 3400     0760 wend   retlw  0          ;quotient in 24 lsb's of dividend
              0761          ;remainder in 24 msb's of dividend
              0762
0272          0763 Dsetup
0272 3018     0764          movlw  0x18          ;loop 24 times
0273 00DC     0765          movwf  temp
              0766
0274 3400     0767          retlw  0
              0768 ;-----
              0769
0277          0770 ;*****
0277          0771 ;*-----*
0277          0772 ;*-      2's Complement
0277          0773 ;*-
0277          0774 ;*-      Uses ACCa
0277          0775 ;*-
0277          0776 ;*-      Performs 2's complement conversion on ACCa
0277          0777 ;*-----*
0277          0778 ;*****
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0275          0779 compA
0275 09D2      0780      comf  ACCaLO      ;invert all bits in accumulator a
0276 09D1      0781      comf  ACCaMID
0277 09D0      0782      comf  ACCaHI
0278 0AD2      0783      incf  ACCaLO      ;add one to accumulator a
0279 1903      0784      btfsc STATUS,Z
027A 0AD1      0785      incf  ACCaMID
027B 1903      0786      btfsc STATUS,Z
027C 0AD0      0787      incf  ACCaHI
027D 3400      0788      retlw 0
0789 ; _____
0790
0791          END
0792

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0000 : X---X----- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
0040 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

0080 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
00C0 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

0100 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
0140 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX- -----

0200 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
0240 : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX--

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All other memory blocks unused.

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Errors   :    0
Warnings :    0
Messages :    0

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Please check the Microchip BBS for the latest version of the source code. For BBS access information, see Section 6, Microchip Bulletin Board Service, page 6-3.

## APPENDIX B: VISUAL BASIC PROGRAM

### PICMTR.FRM

```
Sub Form_Load ()
    'Initialize the program
    Image1.Height = 600
    Image1.Width = 2700
    Frame1.Caption = "PICMETER Power Off"
    Label1.Caption = ""
    Label2.Caption = ""

    'Initialize Comm Port 1
    Comm1.RThreshold = 1
    Comm1.Handshaking = 0
    Comm1.Settings = "9600,n,8,1"
    Comm1.CommPort = 2
    Comm1.PortOpen = True

    'Initialize the global variable First%
    First% = 0
End Sub

Sub Form_Unload (Cancel As Integer)
    'Unload PICMETER
    Comm1.RTSEnable = False
    Comm1.DTREnable = False
    Comm1.PortOpen = False
    Unload PICMETER
End Sub

Sub Comm1_OnComm ()
    Dim Value As Double
    Dim High As Double
    Dim Medium As Double
    Dim Low As Double

    'Received a character
    If Comm1.CommEvent = 2 Then
        If First% = 0 Then
            If Comm1.InBufferCount = 16 Then
                Label1.FontSize = 10
                InString$ = Comm1.Input
                If InString$ = "PICMETER Booted!" Then
                    Frame1.Caption = "PICMETER Booted!"
                End If
                First% = 1
                Comm1.InputLen = 4
            End If
        Else
            If Comm1.InBufferCount >= 4 Then
                InString$ = Comm1.Input
                If Left$(InString$, 1) = "R" Then
                    Frame1.Caption = "Resistance"
                    Label2.FontName = "Symbol"
                    Label2.Caption = "KW"
                    Label1.FontSize = 24
                ElseIf Left$(InString$, 1) = "C" Then
                    Frame1.Caption = "Capacitance"
                    Label2.FontName = "MS Sans Serif"
                    Label2.Caption = "nF"
                    Label1.FontSize = 24
                ElseIf Left$(InString$, 1) = "E" Then
                    Frame1.Caption = "Error Detected"
                    Label2.Caption = ""
                ElseIf Left$(InString$, 1) = "S" Then
                    Frame1.Caption = "Measuring Component"
                End If
            End If
        End If
    End If
End Sub
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        Label2.Caption = ""
    Else
        Frame1.Caption = "Error Detected"
        Label2.Caption = ""
    End If

    If Frame1.Caption = "Error Detected" Then
        Label1.Caption = ""
    ElseIf Frame1.Caption = "Measuring Component" Then
        Label1.Caption = ""
    Else
        High = 65536# * Asc(Mid$(InString$, 2, 1))
        Medium = 256# * Asc(Mid$(InString$, 3, 1))
        Low = Asc(Mid$(InString$, 4, 1))
        Label1.Caption = Format$(High + Medium + Low) / 1000, "###0.0")
    End If
End If
End If
End If
End Sub

Sub Check3D1_Click (Value As Integer)
    'Control Power to the PICMETER
    If Check3D1.Value = False Then
        Comml.InputLen = 0
        Label1.Caption = ""
        Label2.Caption = ""
        Comml.RTSEnable = False
        Comml.DTREnable = False
        Frame1.Caption = "PICMETER Power Off"
        InString$ = Comml.Input
    Else
        Frame1.Caption = ""
        First% = 0
        Comml.InputLen = 0
        InString$ = Comml.Input
        Comml.RTSEnable = True
        Comml.DTREnable = True
    End If
End Sub

Sub menExitTop_Click ()
    'Unload PICMETER
    Unload PICMETER
End Sub

Sub Option1_Click ()
    'Open COM1 for communications
    If Option1.Value = True Then
        If Comml.CommPort = 2 Then
            Comml.PortOpen = False
            Comml.CommPort = 1
            Comml.PortOpen = True
        End If
    End If
End Sub

Sub Option2_Click ()
    'Open COM2 for communications
    If Option2.Value = True Then
        If Comml.CommPort = 1 Then
            Comml.PortOpen = False
            Comml.CommPort = 2
            Comml.PortOpen = True
        End If
    End If
End Sub

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Global I%
Global First%

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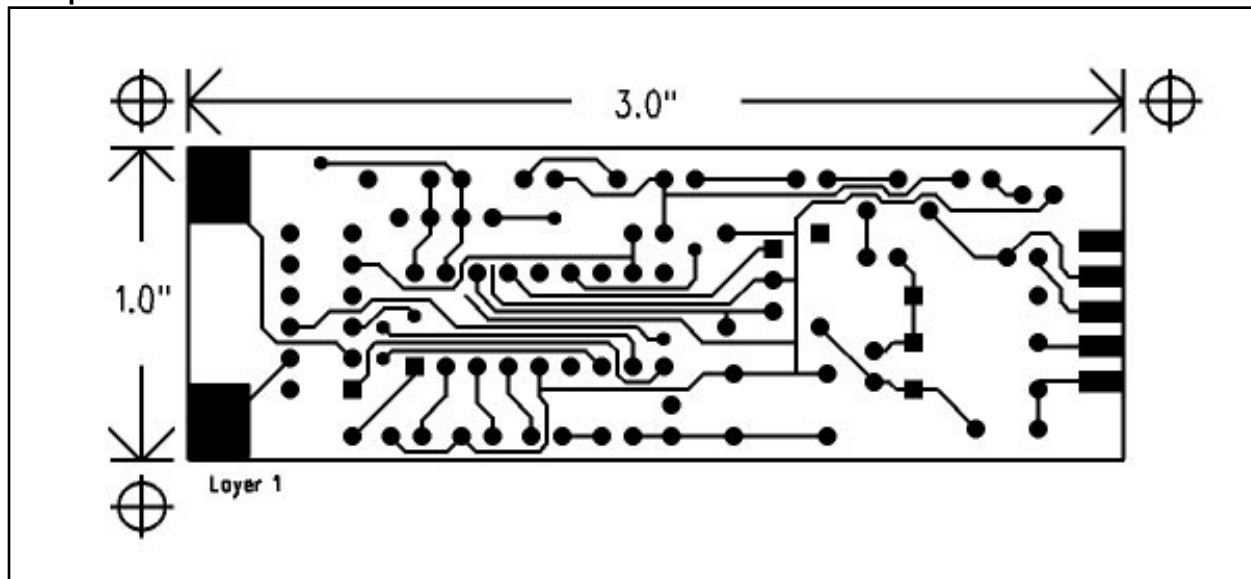
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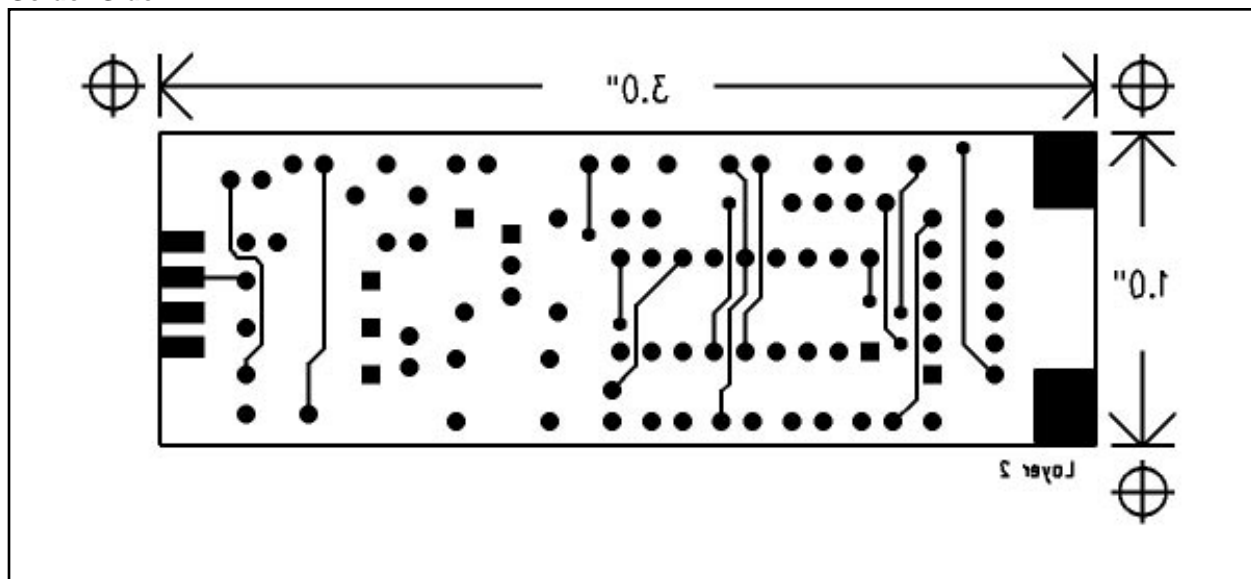
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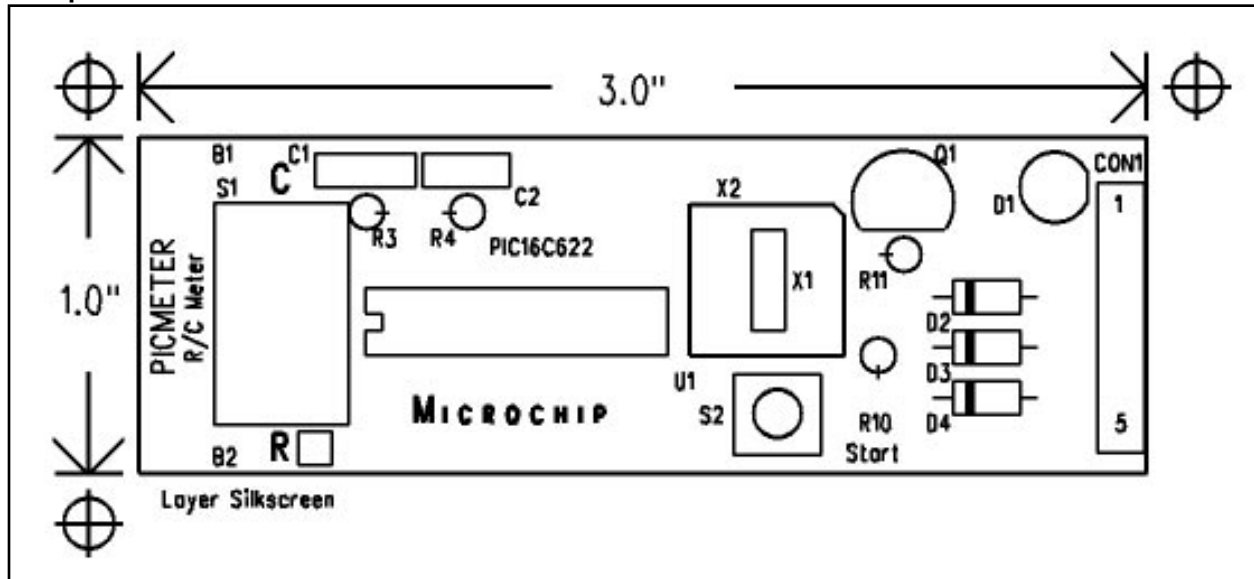


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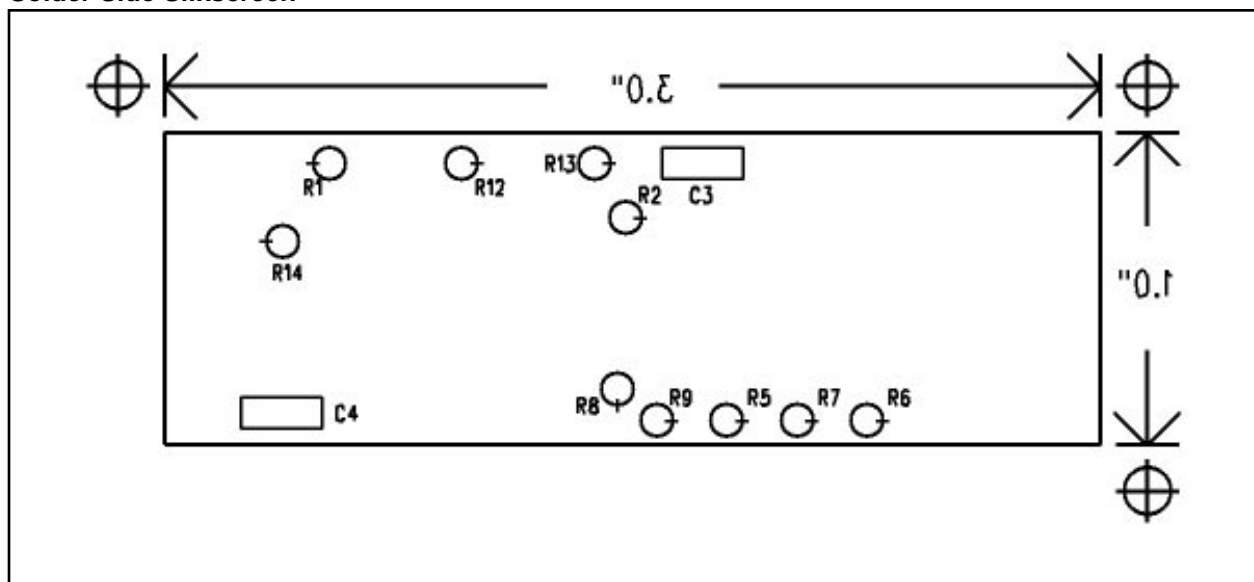




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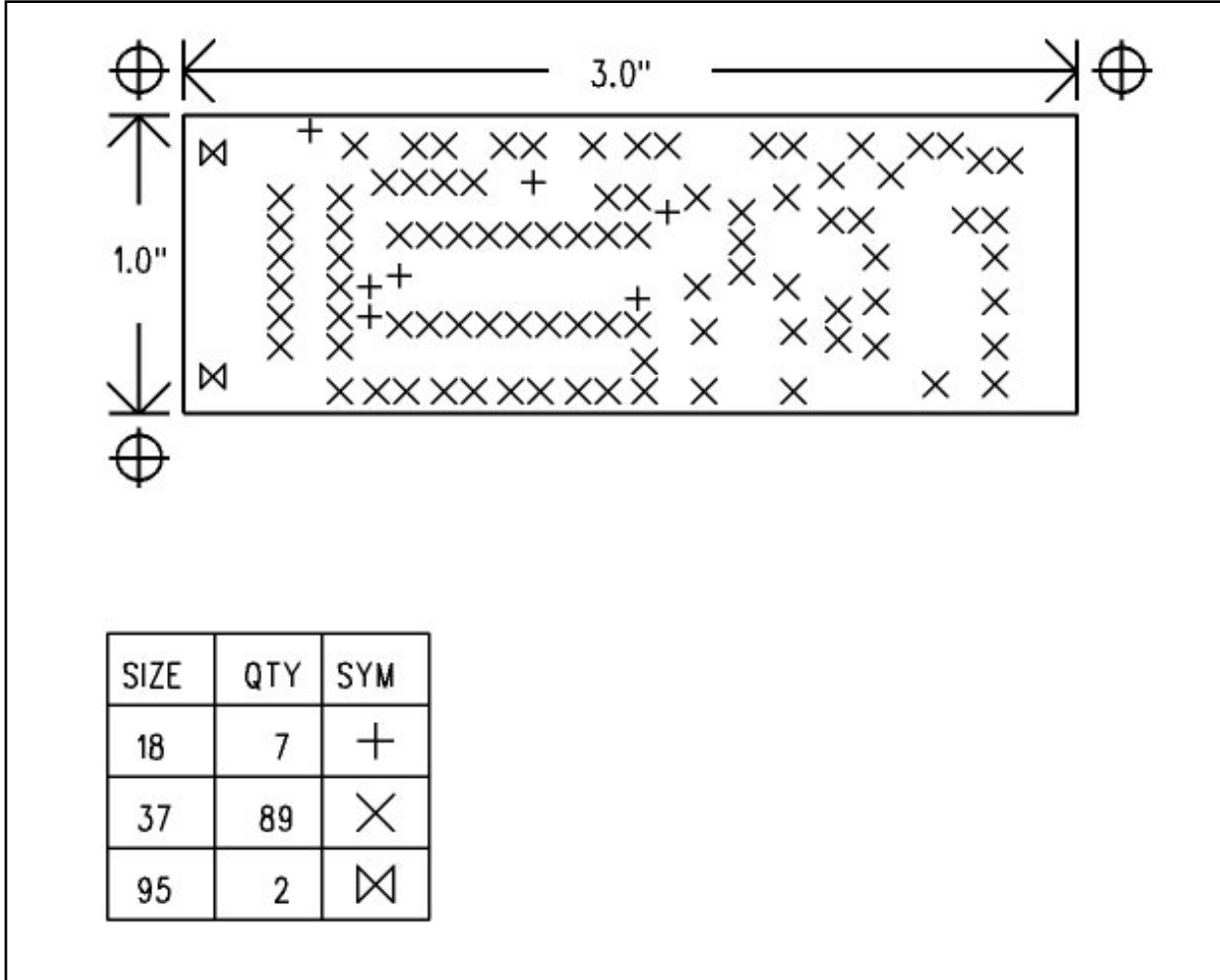


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